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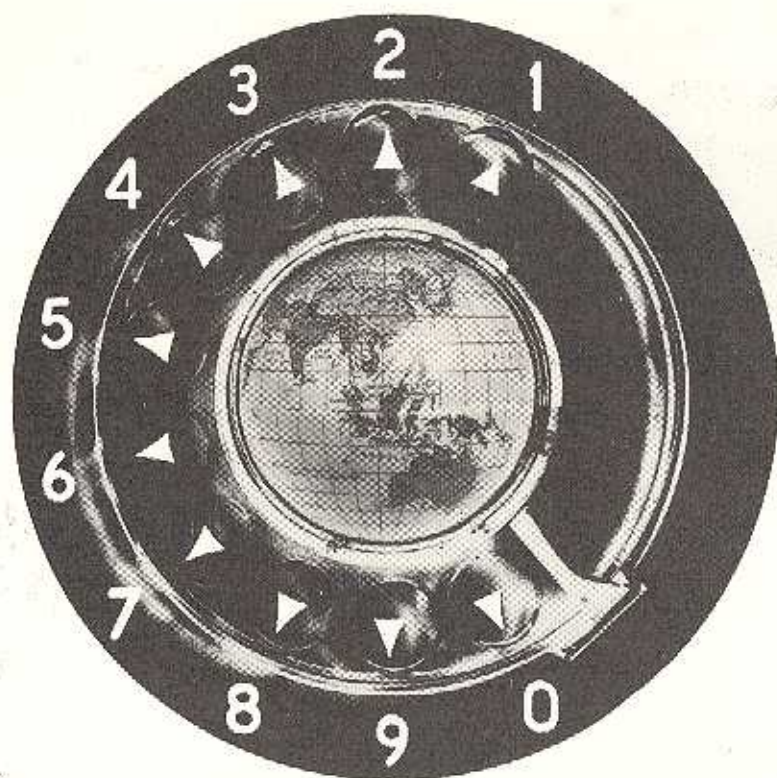
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The choice by National coach Zvonimir Rasic's of his 16-man "Sydney" squad for the encounter between Australia and the England F.A. team has come under a lot of criticism in soccer centres outside Sydney. The voices grew stronger after N.S.W.'s dismal defensive display in their first match against the F.A. side.

In Adelaide, Tom McKain says:

# Sydney Isn't Australia!

England imports players from Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the Continentals had a huge importation programme before their governing bodies clamped down on foreign players — the State of N.S.W. must be the envy of every country in the world.

When it comes to selecting a national squad all but two of the 16-man squad can be found in Sydney.

This is the farcical picture, presented to the world of Australian soccer.

We in South Australia were fortunate to have one of our goalkeepers selected in the squad. Victorians were also lucky, with one midfield player. Adelaide's Roger Romanowicz and Melbourne's Jim McKay were indeed honoured.

Unfortunately, McKay later had to withdraw from the squad because of injury.

We don't know how W.A., Queensland and North N.S.W. felt, but they must surely have been as frustrated as S.A.

Does national coach Zvonimir Rasic really believe that there are only two players outside Sydney capable of playing in the national side? Does he really believe that full back George Keith and forward George Blues are better than any other defender and forward in the country?

W.A. staged a special match so that Rasic could observe talent. Can it be true that there is no talent in Perth?

Before he became coach of St. George Budapest in Sydney this year, Rasic was Victorian State coach. Has soccer in Melbourne deteriorated so much in one season that there is only one Victorian worthy of consideration?

Before the National team left on its world tour last year they played a warm-up match against South Australia in Adelaide. The result was a 0-0 draw, and an unimpressive performance by the Australian team.

However, Rasic said we could not judge the squad on one game together.

Last month, he invited Eric Norman (Juventus) and Buggy Nyskohus (Lion) to Sydney for a trial game. In this one match against the N.S.W. State team he decided the Adelaide pair was not what he wanted. They knew none of the players they were teamed with, and Norman was not even provided with stockings — he played in the street socks he arrived in!

How long are other States going to tolerate the dominance of our soccer by N.S.W.

I don't know about other States, but it is eight years since N.S.W. agreed to meet S.A.

The last encounter ended in a win for S.A. and before that there was a draw in Sydney in 1962.

We are not suggesting a selection committee. We agree that only a coach knows what type of players he needs and what style of game he is going to play.

But we do need a coach who can see outside his own State, and one who is available to travel and watch players in all States, under normal club match conditions, or at least in interstate games.

Results by most State teams against touring overseas clubs and representative sides have been just as good, and in some cases better, than those turned in by N.S.W. And we are not just referring to the results on paper, but the way in which the games were played. The States aimed for good displays so that as a spectacle soccer did not suffer in the eyes of critical spectators. When teams went down, they went down trying to score, and not cramming their goal to provide a respectable result for the record books.

We need an independent coach, and we need to resume an interstate competition involving ALL States to provide our next national squad.



W.A. State coach John Adshead (left) makes a point to National coach Zvonimir Rasic during a match between W.A. probabilities and possibilities. The match was specially put on for Rasic in Perth last month to let him see some of the W.A. talent for possible inclusion in the National squad.

## the cover

Victorian goalkeeper Nick Van Egmond makes a brilliant save during the State's match against the England F.A. Despite his good form Victoria lost 1-3.

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# THE F.A. TOURISTS SHAPE UP WELL

says Roger Hunter

Now that the touring English Football Association team has had a few games in Australia, it is topical to assess its strengths and weaknesses.

After all the criticism aimed at the tourists before their arrival, many Australian soccer fans must have imagined a team of mugs had been despatched "to the colonies" by the English F.A. But the Englishmen's first two matches here soon dispelled those notions.

They are not a glamorous team. They admit they have few star names in their line-up, but they believe they are representative of English professional football — at something less than the very top level. As such, the English F.A. XI deserves respect from all Australian opposing sides.

In the first tour match against NSW at Sydney Sports Ground, the F.A. won by the narrow margin of 1-0. Not impressive? Maybe, but it must be remembered that NSW played a very tight defensive game, and despite this, the Englishmen created enough chances to have won by four goals. At least three easy-scoring opportunities were squandered by the F.A. during the match.

Players who took the eye were goalkeeper Peter Grummitt, full-backs Peter Hindley and Peter Wall, and midfield roamer Mick Mills. Note the stars were almost all concerned with defence. The forward line did not make such an obvious impression, although there is no doubt that the Hull City "twin" centre-forwards Chris Chilton and Ken Wagstaffe are certain to trouble defences. The only goal of the match was scored by Chilton, with some help from the lively Chris Garland.

In England's second match, against Northern NSW in Wallsend, the home team's tactics allowed for more open play, and this was a far better spectacle for the crowd with the F.A. winning 3-0.

At Wallsend, Peter Wall again looked exceptionally good, although Mills, the skipper of Ipswich Town, was a disappointment after his brilliant 90 minutes in Sydney. Wagstaffe again troubled the locals (even without any help from flu victim Chilton) and Garland was another outstanding forward. Probably the most efficient English player against the Northern team was captain Mike Keen, whose penchant for attacking play frequently upset the opposition.

The lesson to be learnt from these matches is that England has such an enormous depth of professional talent, the F.A. could have sent three or four teams to Australia of roughly equal ability. It is significant that two of the players who starred in the Sydney and Wallsend matches — Mick Mills and Chris Garland — were not original tour choices. They were added to England's squad, almost as an afterthought, yet they quickly proved that they are great footballers.

One of the most pleasing features of this F.A. tour is the obvious seriousness with which the Englishmen tackle their training and their matches. In the past, several overseas teams have come to Australia and treated the trip as a paid holiday. Training has been done in light-hearted fashion, and in matches, the players have given only as much as was necessary to get a respectable result.

When the English F.A. stated that several members of this party were under review for places in England's 1974 World Cup squad, that message must have got through to the players. They realise they are under constant scrutiny from manager Ron Stuart, trainer Wilf McGuinness, and every member of the F.A. official party. If they do well in Australia, they can go on to bigger and better things.

Comparing the F.A. training sessions with the sort of training done by Manchester City here a year ago is a revealing exercise. Manchester City came to Australia to unwind after a hectic domestic season which had seen them win the European Cup Winners' Cup. Manager Joe Mercer admitted he had no intention of driving his players on tour. That is understandable... even if some Australians resented City's apparently couldn't-care-less outlook.

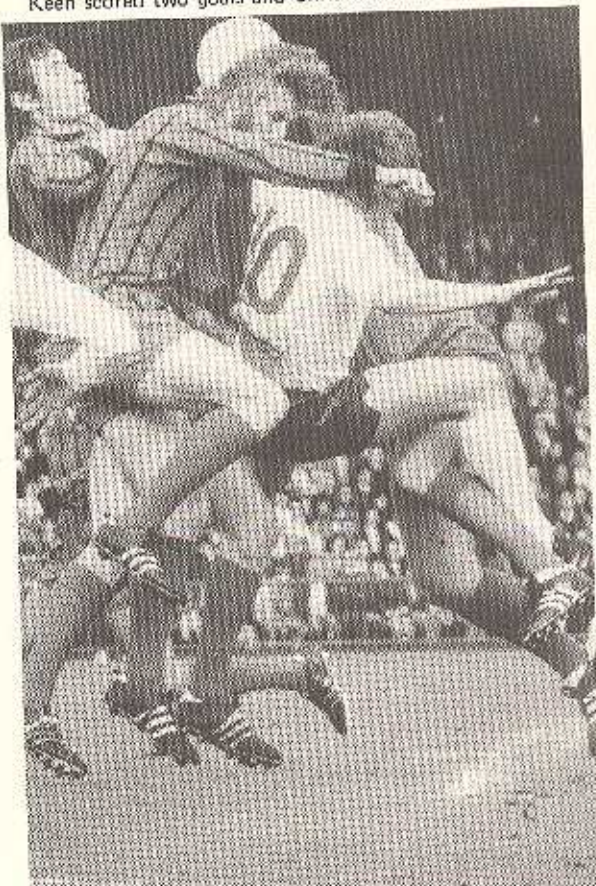
With the English F.A. it is a different story. The team is here to perform to its maximum ability. Let no Australians dare rubbish such a side of dedicated full-time professionals.

In Melbourne, the visitors again showed a determination to put on a good performance for the spectators and the 3-1 result was not a true indication of the skill they produced.

Except for a brief period early in the second half, the F.A. held the initiative and dictated the run of play all around the ground.

England's enterprising full-backs — Peter Hindley, Mike Keen, Keith Eddy and Peter Wall — cut through Victoria's midfield almost at will.

Keen scored two goals and Chris Garland one.



We'll let the reader try to work out who's who in the jumble of legs, arms and bodies pictured during the Victoria-F.A. clash this month.

## STILES GOES TO MIDDLESBROUGH

One of the interesting moves that will be closely watched next year is the transfer of former England "Enfant Terrible", at least to non-British players, Nobby Stiles from Manchester United to second division Middlesbrough.

Will he be able to do a Dave McKay?

It was Dave McKay, regarded as over the hill after suffering two broken legs — (separate incidents), who suddenly moved from White Hart Lane and the Spurs to join Derby County in the second division.

It is history now that McKay led the big revival of that northern club of the second division to become a power in the first division and repay every penny and more of the bargain \$5,000 transfer fee paid for him.

Can Nobby, of the tireless spirit that has drawn such epitaphs from the Argentinians as "The Assassin", repeat the great rescue mission accomplished by McKay. Every soccer lover hopes so.



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# WHERE'S THE BROWN BOOT?

asks Glyn Griffiths

The trade names "Adidas", "Gola" and "Puma" may not mean much to the average follower of soccer, but those names are concerned in one of the most competitive struggles connected with the game.

All three are manufacturers of football boots, or shoes as they are now more commonly called. Big business brains behind each firm would like to see every soccer player exclusively wearing its brand of shoe. And each company is prepared to spend vast sums of money to achieve this object.

Take the Adidas people, for instance. In Sydney soccer, they are particularly active. Their big man is international referee Tony Boskovic, and it is true to say that Boskovic is on the job for Adidas seven days a week.

It is up to Tony Boskovic to ensure that as many soccer players as possible wear, at all times, the familiar Adidas shoe with its distinctive three white stripes. It is no secret that Boskovic distributes hundreds of pairs of Adidas football shoes, free of charge, to many players in New South Wales.

Not only the local players benefit. When the English Football Association players arrived in Sydney for their Australian tour, Boskovic met them at the airport, as did another Adidas man,

Len Johnson from Melbourne. Contact was made with the English officials almost as soon as they stepped off the plane. Len Johnson actually stayed at the same Rushcutters Bay Motel as the English party, and was constantly in the company of the players and officials.

When the English F.A. travelled to Newcastle to play Northern NSW, Tony Boskovic travelled with them and booked in at the same Motel as the Englishmen. Hundreds of dollars worth of Adidas playing gear — shoes, track suits, travelling bags, and so forth were given to the touring team and officials. It is also probable that cash payments were made as part of this huge promotional effort.

Boskovic did his job so well, in fact, that, on the return journey when the team stopped for refreshments, one player asked him if he could supply meat pies with three stripes on them!

When so much effort is put into pushing a sporting product, it is not surprising that England's touring team has become obviously Adidas-minded.

The "shoe war" is not confined to soccer. Last year, when Australia's Rugby League team went to England to play in the so-called World Cup, the Adidas company financed a trip, with the team for Ken Irvine. Ken is an Adidas representative — Rugby League's equivalent of Tony Boskovic.

Once upon a time, nobody knew what brand of football boots were worn by players. Boots were a nondescript brown colour, without any distinguishing marks. But times have changed.

While the battle for sales goes on, the only people who cannot lose are the footballers.

Before England's World Cup squad

set out for Mexico in defence of The World Cup in 1970, it was rumoured that they visited the factories of at least three manufacturers of football shoes. At each factory, they were showered with sportswear, and given maximum hospitality. When those players actually played in Mexico, they probably wore the shoes which suited them best — regardless of all the high-pressure promotional activity.

It's tough at the top for soccer stars. But now, it seems, it is even tougher for the firms which equip the stars!

## INTER-MILAN IS BACK ON TOP

Inter-Milan easily won the 1970-71 Italian league championship with 46 points—four points ahead of derby rivals AC Milan. The title defenders, US Cagliari, finished 7th this season with 30 points. Critics say that the loss of Riva, with a broken leg, for most of the season was the reason for the club's sudden slip. Foggia, Lazio Roma and CC Catania finished at the bottom of the table and were relegated to play in the second division next season.

Final standings were:

Inter Milan	46	AS Varese	26
AC Milan	42	Lan. Vicenza	26
SSC Napoli	39	Hell. Verona	26
Juventus	35	Sampdoria	25
FC Bologna	34	AC Fiorentina	25
AS Roma	32	US Foggia	25
US Cagliari	30	Lazio Roma	22
AC Torino	26	CC Catania	21



Those three Adidas stripes are very evident in this picture of some coaches at the Sydney "Sun" Coaching Clinic staged at Fairfield. From left, Ron Corry, Barry Davies, Tony Boskovic, Rale Rasic, Ross Kelly, George Kinnell, Les Scheinflug, Allan Marnoch and David Jack.



**SOCCER SCENE's** roving reporter **BARRY THORNTON** looks at the feet of today's footballers and says:

# Last year's shoes are old hat

Boots, boots, boots . . . long-studded, short-studded, rubber-studded, nylon-studded. Boots for dry, hard grounds. Boots for snow-covered pitches. Boots for training, trapping, tackling and shooting.

For Britain's soccer players there is an ever-increasing range of footwear to choose from. No other part of their anatomy is so scientifically and painstakingly pampered.

Even the dainty feet that pirouette at Covent Garden cause less concern to footwear manufacturers than those that kick footballs at Old Trafford or Stamford Bridge and other grounds.

A London sporting footwear producer explained why — money.

"Hundreds of thousands of pairs of football boots are sold each season in Britain. There's a fortune to be made if your style of boot captures the imagination of top players. But they are demanding and you must keep coming up with new ideas. Last season's boots are like last

year's dresses. No player wants to look old-fashioned."

A Worcestershire company is manufacturing a boot which has been designed to stay clean. "It is no use wearing a lightweight boot if after thirty minutes it is weighted down by ounces of mud and grass cuttings," says the company's managing director. "By rounding all edges and giving attention to the positioning of studs we believe we have reduced the amount of mud that will cling to the boots."

If your football days ended about the time of the second world war you might not recognise a pair of today's low-cut boots. They bear little resemblance to those rock-hard clodhoppers with their padded ankle guards, riveted stiff-leather soles and "cement" toe-caps you once wore at school.

You no longer have to wear your new boots in a tub of water while they mould themselves to your feet. Today's boots are "broken in" after one training run.

The big change started after Hungary thrashed England at Wembley in 1953.

Overnight manufacturers stopped making the old-style, rustic-brown boot and concentrated on the new, Continental boot with the low-cut ankles.

Until the early sixties, most players preferred a boot with a hard toe. Today they seek a streamlined boot with a soft toe — it gives them a better "feel" of the ball.

Boots these days range widely in price. They come in the finest Portuguese calf, even Australian kangaroo skin.

Compared to the old-style boots, they are more like lounge slippers. Most League players have at least two or three pairs.

Though there are no regulations covering the general shape of football boots, there are laws governing studs. Basically, their aim is to prevent players wearing studs which could injure another player.

Taking good care of their footballers' feet is almost a religion among Brazilian soccer experts. Each of their stars has his feet X-rayed, impressions taken and boots specially made for each foot.

The famous Pele's boots, for instance, are strengthened to support the balls of his goal-scoring feet.

In case you are interested, boots this season are more conservative, all-black being the most popular colour. Laces, however, are growing — you are out of fashion if they measure less than ninety inches.

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# INJURY HITS THE 'SAINTS' HARD

By Roger Hunter

The serious injury which landed Australia's skipper Johnny Warren in hospital could easily cost his club, St. George Budapest, the N.S.W. premiership.

Johnny Warren recently underwent an operation for the removal of a cartilage. He expected to be out of action for six to eight weeks. However, when the surgeons operated, they discovered there was more than a simple cartilage involved. He has damaged ligaments and the knee is in such bad shape that he was warned not to train for at least 12 weeks.

This means he has virtually no chance of playing until the start of the 1972 season.

When Warren was injured, St. George were on top of the table, with the remarkable goal average of 21 for and only 1 against. They were undefeated. Then, in successive games against Western Suburbs and Hakoah, Saints were beaten twice, conceding four goals each time. They tumbled from first place to third, and all of a sudden, a premiership which had looked almost certain to be their's, was slipping away from St. George.

It is often said in Sydney that when Johnny Warren plays well, Saints play well. His influence on the rest of the team is enormous. It is not just his undoubted playing skills, but the steadying effect Warren's "generalship" inspires, that makes him such a key player.

Apart from being upset about missing club matches, Warren was also annoyed to miss the big representative fixtures against the touring English F.A. XI. Warren, a great admirer of British soccer, was looking forward to several matches against the tour team — both for N.S.W. and Australia.

At least, he was cheered up by a surprise visit in hospital from two of England's players. Captain Mike Keen and vice-captain Peter Hindley both called at the War Memorial Hospital, Waverley, to have a friendly chat with bed-ridden Johnny. Said Warren: "I wanted to show you blokes the sights of Sydney, but I can't even get out of bed without crutches."

See also page 16 for the Johnny Warren profile.



Pan Hellenic goalkeeper Tony Maglis, in great form this season, has this situation well in hand, despite a challenge from Apia's young Terry Butler.



Speedy Wille Rutherford (right) has his work cut out during the Sydney match between St. George Budapest and Hakoah. Hakoah's 4-0 victory put them above St. George at the top of the table.

## Tug-O-War Over Star

There is a fierce tug-of-war going on between Melbourne club Wilhelmina and Sydney's Western Suburbs for the signature of centre-forward Walter Gerard — and it looks as if Gerard will finish up with Wests.

Gerard has made a big name for himself in Hong Kong, where he is one of the stars of the local competition. When he said he would like to have a stab at Australian soccer, many clubs were anxious to sign him.

Wilhelmina president John Van Hoboken flew to Hong Kong and made personal contact with Gerard, after which it was assumed the player would go to Melbourne.

Wests, however, have good friends in Hong Kong. They established excellent relations in that part of the globe when they entertained the Jardine club last year on a tour of Australia. And a Jardine official telephoned Western Suburbs offering to contact Walter Gerard.

Now this much-wanted player, who is expected to arrive in Australia within the next week or two, is firmly committed to talks with Wests before he travels to Melbourne. If Wests' terms are acceptable, Gerard may not even go beyond Sydney.

The next problem could be finding a first team post for Gerard. If Gerard joins Wests, team coach Tommy Dawson will have to relegate one of his forwards, who are playing exceptionally well just now. Either that, or dump the Hong Kong star in reserve grade until there is a first XI vacancy for him.

It is the sort of problem every coach would like. Most claim they have virtually no reserves to bring in — and Tommy Dawson would rather have too many players than too few — Glyn Griffiths.



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# Universities Lead The Way

by PETER GIESECKE

If the universities can do it, why can't the States? This is the question that should be passing through the minds of State federations.

Last month's inter-varsity tournament in Melbourne was a big success — and they have been in previous years.

Interstate junior carnivals can also be organised and have been run successfully.

And yet the States cannot get together for an annual tournament on the senior level.

On the surface, it would seem that there is a lot lacking in the State federations because of their inability — or should the word be unwillingness — to hold an interstate tournament.

But there is a lot more to it than that.

How many players can take (and afford to take) a week off work to play in a carnival? Juniors can go in school holidays and so can university students.

However, this is a problem that can be overcome if a date is fixed well in advance so that players could aim to have their holidays at the same time as the carnival.

Another problem is the ever-growing calendar of local fixtures and tours by overseas teams. But again, a week can be set aside well in advance.

Distance is the biggest problem as far as States like W.A. and Tasmania are concerned — and, obviously, travelling costs would have to be met out of carnival funds.

The university students have a big advantage in this field because of the huge travelling discounts they can get.

Perhaps an airline could be talked into sponsoring a carnival.

Initially, the carnival would have to be held only in the big population centers of Melbourne and Sydney, where good crowds can be attracted.

With interstate jealousies drawing big crowds in other sports, there is no reason why an interstate soccer carnival should not be a financial success.

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*The beautiful Portuguese architectural style of the main W.A. University building makes a fitting backdrop for the successful W.A. University squad. Pictured are:*

*(back, from left) Wally Moroz, Jerry Allen, Mike Allenby, Greg Peterson, Abraham Verghese, Jim Pougher, Muri Semudram, (front) Alf Debono, Ken Maguire, Gus Formato, Neil Davidson, Ian Pereira and Paul Draper. Missing are John Clissa, Roger Hill and Nick Binder.*

## Greece's Foreign Coaches

Greece has a soft spot for foreign coaches. Of the 18 first division clubs, 14 have non-Greek coaches. Five are Yugoslavs, four English, three Hungarians and a Rumanian and Czechoslovakian.

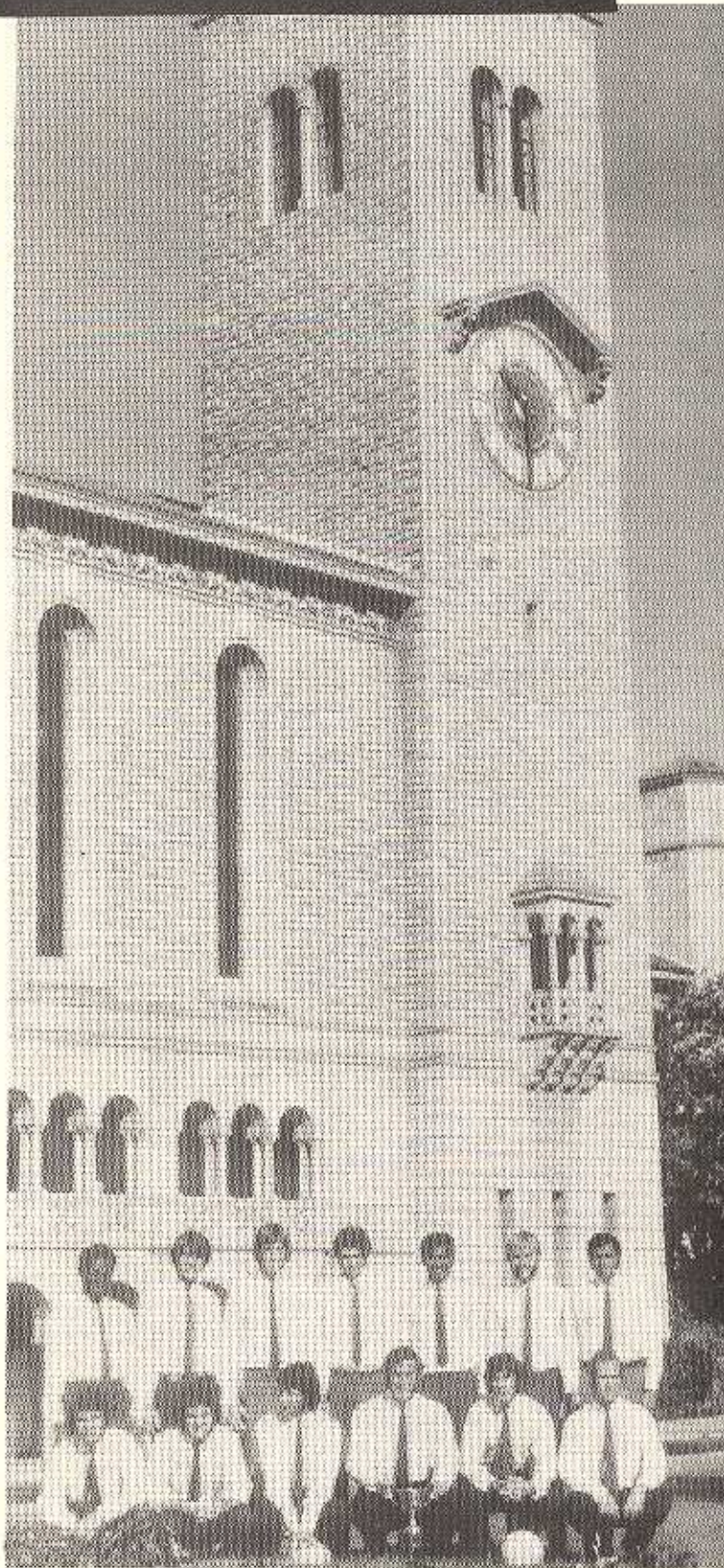
The best known is the great Hungarian Ferenc Puskas, the idol of Hungary in the early 50s and the star of the fabulous Real Madrid in the late 50s and 60s.

After hanging up his boots in 1968, he unsuccessfully tried a managerial career with the Spanish third division club Vitoria, but was fired. Tried his luck with Vancouver, Canada, again fired.

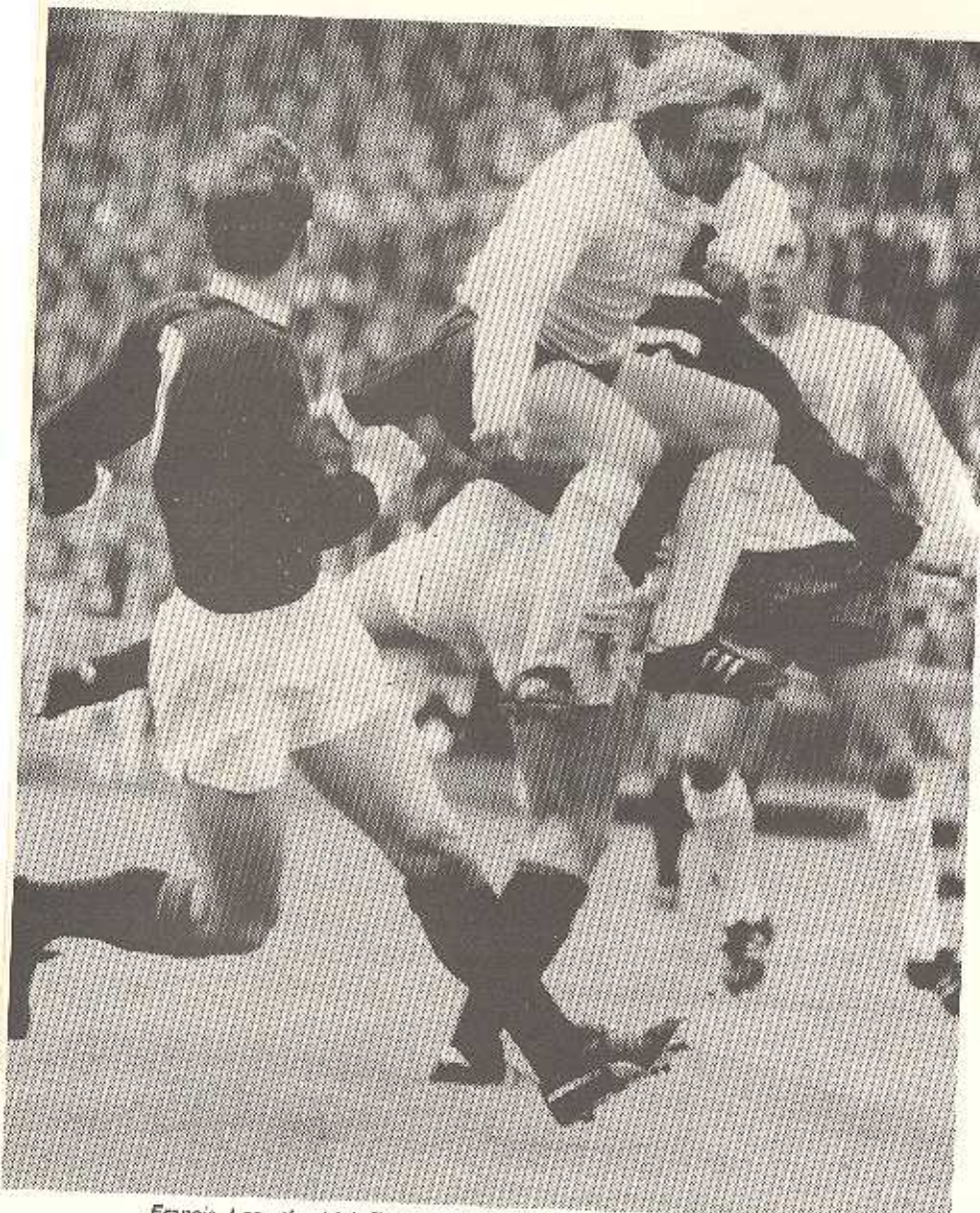
But in the summer of 1970 the Greek champion side Panathinaikos and Puskas found each other, and both have benefited by the marriage.

Unbelievably, Panathinaikos swept into the final of the European Cup only to be beaten 2-0 by Ajax of Holland. But on the way, they eliminated England's Everton (Shock!) and Yugoslavia's Red Star after being 1-4 down in the first leg (Stunning!).

Rewards for success come high and Puskas gets over \$2,000 a month and bonuses well over \$16,000. He could have won almost \$25,000 if his team had beaten Ajax.







*Francis Lee, the high-flying England outside-right disperses any doubts about his fitness as he worries the Scottish defence during this assault on goal in the Home International match between England and Scotland at Wembley.*

## Ronnie Allen Fined In Spain

The former England, Wolverhampton and West Bromwich Albion star Ronnie Allen now manager of the Spanish first division club Atletico Bilbao, was recently fined \$320 for criticising a referee.

An irate Allen said that he had no intention of paying the fine and would seek a meeting with the Atletico board of management.

Atletico expressed concern when Allen admitted that he had received phone calls from Manchester. It is history now the Leicester City's Frank O'Farrell, who guided that club from the second to the first division, has gained the plum job of trying to revive the Manchester United flagging fortunes.

Allen has been a centre of controversy since he took over the post of manager of Atletico Bilbao. He had a running battle with the country's press because of his stern handling of the touchy football journalists.

He banned them from the dressing rooms at all times and forbade any of his players to give interviews or answer any questions posed to them.

Consequently the press has hounded Allen at every opportunity, though they have rarely had anything worthwhile to say because of his instant success with the club.



FC Nuernburg won the championship of the West German South Regional League and is expected to be a top contender among the other regional leaders in the play-off for the two promotional spots to the Bundesliga (national league). Nuernburg have a remarkable Bundesliga record, having won the title nine times — 1920, '21, '24, '25, '27, '38, '48, '61 and '68 — and the F.A. Cup in 1935, '39 and '62. However, a loss of form followed the 1968 title and the club was relegated.

Nuernburg was 10 points ahead of the runners-up, Karlsruher SC, the other club that will take part in the promotional play-off in the South League. The Bavarian club, 1860 Muenchen, who was relegated from the Bundesliga to the South League at the end of last season, could finish only a poor fourth after struggling well down the list.

In the Berlin Region League, Tasmania 1900 Berlin finished well ahead of Wacker 04, who had a hard battle with Blau-Weiss 90 to fill the second promotion play-off spot in that league.

The most exciting regional group in Germany this season was the West League. Three clubs — VfL Bochum, Fortuna Duesseldorf and Wuppertaler SV — were only a point apart throughout the season. At the finish Bochum and Duesseldorf both had 56 points and Wuppertal had 55.

The two clubs in the play-off in the West League are favourites to win promotion to the Bundesliga, thus continuing the dominance of western clubs in the national league.

FC St. Pauli Hamburg, long playing in the shadow of Hamburg SV in the Bundesliga, made a last minute dash into second spot in the North League, just ahead of VfB Luebeck. North champions were VfL Osnabrueck. The two spots for the promotion play-off in the South-West League went to Borussia Neunkirchen and FK Pirmasens.

The ten finalists are in two groups. Karlsruher SC, FK Pirmasens, VfL Osnabrueck, VfL Bochum and Tasmania Berlin are in Group One; and Borussia Neunkirchen, FC Nuernburg, Fortuna Duesseldorf, FC St. Pauli and Wacker 04 are in Group Two. The preliminary rounds finish on June 27.

A proposed visit to Australia later this year by St. Pauli will depend on the outcome of the play-off. It is understood that the club will come on a playing tour if they win promotion to the Bundesliga.



# Mönchengladbach's Title Despite That Goalpost

from DIETER SCHMIDT

The 1970 West German champions Borussia Mönchengladbach, retained their title after one of the most exciting Bundesliga seasons ever.

The competition was close throughout the season and both the title and relegation list were unknown till the final round played on June 6.

Controversy added to the excitement. A broken goalpost almost cost Mönchengladbach the title. And after the final round, news broke about Germany's biggest ever football scandal — players accepting bribes so that other clubs would avoid relegation.

The accusations were made, with proof, by Kickers Offenbach, who were 15th before the final games. Teams lower on the league list won after, the Offenbach officials claim, opposing players accepted money for their teams to lose. Offenbach slipped three places and filled the second relegation spot besides Rot-Weiss Essen.

For a long time, it looked as if the goalpost incident would mean that Bayern München would take the 1971 championship. München were equal with Mönchengladbach on points before the last match, but München had a one-goal advantage.

However, in the last matches (both were playing away) Mönchengladbach thrashed 14th-spot holder Eintracht Frankfurt 4-1, while München were beaten 0-2 by MSV Duisburg, who were in ninth spot.

The goalpost incident happened on April 3, when in the 88th minute of Borussia Mönchengladbach's home match against Werder Bremen, Herbert Laumen (Mönchengladbach) ran into the Bremen goal-net—breaking the goalpost.

The score was 1-1 with two minutes to go.



That broken goalpost in Mönchengladbach—an incident that nearly cost Borussia Mönchengladbach the 1971 championship.

The home team was given 12 minutes to put in a replacement goalpost, under the F.A. rules. But Mönchengladbach didn't have a replacement. After all, who'd expect a goalpost to snap? However, it did happen before, in 1953 in a match between Karlsruhe and Regensburg. Anyway, when the post could not be replaced, the referee decided to leave it to the F.A. to decide what to do with the match. There were four possibilities:

(1) Give the match to Bremen because the home team was not able to supply the facilities for a home game. Considered unfair to Mönchengladbach.

(2) Replay the match completely. Considered a disadvantage for Bremen because they had managed to have a drawn result away with two minutes to go.

(3) Replay the final two minutes. Considered an organisation joke and a financial disaster.

(4) Give the match as a 1-1 draw. Considered the sporting solution. However, the German F.A. stuck to

the rules and gave the game to Bremen as a 2-0 win, a decision that did not please the people in the town of Mönchengladbach. However, the declaration stood, Bremen jumped up the league ladder, and Bayern München kept within striking distance of the championship.

Ironically, the man who broke the post and gave the points to Bremen will transfer from Mönchengladbach to play for Bremen next season.

Final standings in the Bundesliga were:

Borussia Mönchengladbach	50
Bayern München	48
Hertha BSC Berlin	43
Eintracht Braunschweig	39
Hamburger SV	37
FC Schalke 04	36
MSV Duisburg	35
1. FC Kaiserslautern	34
Hannover 96	33
Werder Bremen	33
1. FC Köln	33
VfB Stuttgart	30
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# Coaching With Cramer

This article is part of a series on various aspects of modern soccer which are intended to assist coaches young and old.



By Dettmar Cramer (FIFA Coach)

Attack and defence forms the basis of the first commentary and it is based on the final of the World Championship 1966 at Wembley between England and Germany.

In the photograph, Beckenbauer, carefully watched by goalkeeper Tilkowski, guides the ball into the German penalty area, where Bobby Charlton bars his way.

Seeler, the German captain rushes back to cover English captain Bobby Moore. The scene changes and after England loses the ball, Moore closely watches Beckenbauer, who is dribbling, and then he runs towards Seeler.

In modern football, it is no longer a question of attack or defence. The logical answer is attack AND defence.

Each individual player — and the team as a whole — must unrelentingly fulfil both of these tasks without pause.

As long as our team is in possession of the ball, attack is the password, to score goals and to win. After losing the ball, the scene changes, then the word is defence, prevent a goal and avoid a defeat.

In a good game between two equally strong teams, the ball changes sides often, and the tasks therefore change just as often.

The rapid switch-over from attack to defence, and from defence to attack, is the present challenge. Those who need respite from this cannot win.

Even at very fast tempo — and under pressure from an opponent, a good player never loses sight of the game. He looks round about him, thinks ahead and acts decisively, because he is in good physical condition and free from the ball.

Physical fitness and technique are essential pre-requisites of modern tactics. Clever tactics are the crowning glory of football as a team game.

Tactical training begins with the instruction of the individual tactics leading up to group and team tactics and, eventually to the exercise of different patterns of play.

They form the final stage of the training programme, and not the commencement. They are adapted to the particular capabilities of the players, and not to any theoretical formula.

The general tactical training equips the player to fulfil both tasks — attack and defence — independently and in co-operation with his team-mates.

## Cramer's Visit



World-famous FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer whose series of articles on coaching begins on this page, will be in Australia for two months this year on a coaching tour.

His visit is timed for October and November, but the dates he will be in the various centres have not been decided.

Mr Cramer will be on his third coaching visit to Australia. He was last here at the beginning of last year.



# Referees' CORNER

By Lou Mottershead  
First Division Referee

One of the most concise laws in the book is the offside law — and one of the LEAST understood.

Still we hear the old cry "He was yards offside when he got the ball!" — But where was he when the ball was passed? The Law is split into four parts, but the first paragraph is most important.

A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents goal line than the ball AT THE MOMENT THE BALL IS PLAYED, unless: —

(a) He is in his own half of the field of play — this section needs no explanation.

(b) There are two of his opponents nearer their own goal line than he is. This section is the one which causes most of the trouble. I must confess it often has me wondering 'how so many spectators have some form of visual defect in their ability to make decisions from behind the goal or in the grand stand etc.

However, let's remember his position the moment the ball is last played. This is the only time judgement can be passed. Two of his opponents nearer their own goal line — take note!

This can mean the goalkeeper, one defender or two field players. Have a careful look, the goalkeeper may be out of his goal — further look at the linesman and remember he is level with play and is the only one who is in a good position to indicate that the player is in an offside position.

(c) The ball last touched an opponent, or was last played by him. To try to put this in words of one syllable is difficult, but the key phrase again is that OFFSIDE is judged the moment the ball is played.

If a ball was played back to one of his colleagues and this is intercepted by an opponent who was in an offside position, he would then be onside.

But when a ball is played by an attacker to one of his own players in an OFFSIDE position and played by an opponent — unless the two kicks were almost immediate — this would result in an offside decision.

Or was last played by him means the attacking forward himself.

(d) He receives the ball direct from a goal kick, corner, throw in or a ball dropped by the referee. This needs no explanation.

Spectators are often guilty of another very common error. The linesman, who usually take the last defender and positions himself parallel to the goal line, puts his flag up as an indication to the referee that a player is in an offside position. He is NOT OFFSIDE till the whistle blows. The referee has to determine whether the offending player is interfering with play. Often a player on the left wing may appear to be offside. However, the left-back in front of the linesman may have him well onside.

Often players — unintentionally — create trouble for officials by seeing a linesman's flag up and stopping. Remember it is only an indication and keep playing — NO ONE IS OFFSIDE till the whistle blows.

Don't forget to pop your questions C/- the Editor. Next month, we will discuss Law 13: Free Kick. How many types of Free-Kicks are there, and what results from them?

Till then good viewing, good voice and if you drive — BELT UP.

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# FULL-TIME REFEREES?

Should referees become fully professional in England?

This is the question that is causing many to argue the point in a sensitive field. Some decisions in the closing stages of the English first division has brought to a boil the question that has been asked many times before.

South American countries are already employing professional referees. There are 15 professional referees under contract in Brazil, and top man Armando Marques is reported to earn \$3,000 a month during the season. Most receive between \$100-\$150 a match.

Candidates can apply for a referee's position when they are 21, undergo one year's intensive training with a retirement age of 50 years, instead of the 47 in England.

In Argentina they receive a minimum of \$120 a match and are guaranteed \$230 a month and are allowed to hold another job if it doesn't interfere with the referee duties.

## LOW TRANSFER FEES

Such is the financial state in Argentina (like everywhere) that transfer fees have made the news because of the small amounts involved.

Boca Juniors, once the big buyers, made one big buy!! — winger Tarabini from Independiente for \$30,000 an internal record for the season.

River Plate lashed out extravagantly paying \$75,000 for Pignani (Gimnasia y Esgrima), Della Savia (Quilmes) and Rulla (Platense).

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Valencia players received a special bonus of \$4,000 each for winning the Spanish championship. They also gained another \$1,000 from a benefit match which is added to their \$9,000 annual salary, \$150 a month pay and the \$45,000 they share from the season's win-draw bonus pool. And they only play 30 matches a year.

Barcelona, who lost the championship on goal averages, paid their players \$60,000 bonuses.

Atletico Madrid last year's champions banned referee Medina Iglesias for life, stating that they would never agree to his refereeing one of their games again. His crime—he refused to award a penalty for an imagined infringement in their vital championship-hearing game against Barcelona.

For their attitude Atletico Madrid was awarded the "Most Unsporting Team" title.

*Albion Melville (Perth) goalkeeper Peter Horn had double trouble when Riverside United launched an attack on his goal recently. The attack ended with a hefty kick about ten yards from goal and Peter suddenly had two objects flying towards him. Luckily, he went for and saved the right one—the ball that was heading straight for the net. The other object—a player's boot—just failed to cross the goalline.*

The famous Maltese club, Sliema Wanderers, won their 19th league championship when they beat Marsa F.C. in a league decider in front of 10,643 crowd, a mid-week record attendance at the Gzira Stadium.

Goal averages don't decide Maltese championship and a play off was necessary to decide the winner. Marsa gave a tremendous performance in their first year in division one.

The European Football Union have banned the Dutch club PSV Eindhoven from playing their next two European competition matches in any European tournament at their home ground.

The UEFA decreed this punishment after Irish linesman David Barrett had been hit on the head by a beer can from a spectator during Eindhoven's European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Real Madrid at Eindhoven's ground.

The PSV club are to appeal against the decision and have the backing of the Royal Dutch Football Association.

*Following the table tennis break-through on the Communist China political front, a Congolese-Brazzaville soccer team was welcomed by premier Chou En Lai on a recent visit behind the bamboo curtain.*

*If table tennis is the key, then maybe the "great" Australian national sport could fly through the curtain in a power display of aerial Ping Pong.*

*Maybe Australian soccer with their feet firmly planted on the ground could help lead the sport invasion soon.*

Centre-forward Anatoli Banichewski, one of Russia's great modern-day players, celebrated his return to the game after a two-year suspension by scoring three goals in his side's (Nefitoshi Baku) 4-0 win over Moscow Dynamo.

The defeat for Dynamo, who toured Australia earlier this year, came in the two legged Red Arm Cup. Dynamo lost the first encounter 0-2.



# W.A. SCENE

With the W.A.S.F. league season only half-way through, there are already murmurings about changing the structure of the competition for next season. On this page and overleaf SOCCER SCENE's editors give two points of view about the competition.

## Speaking Personally

by David Andrews

A recent suggestion was made at a secretaries' meeting that next year the second division competition should be reduced to a 12-team tournament from the present 14.

The suggestion was taken further with the idea that the four bottom teams of division two should play off with the top two teams from division one of the Sunday amateur competition.

The two teams from this competition, probably to be played as a round robin, would qualify for the second division while the remainder would play in the amateur ranks the following year.

Such a suggestion once again brings to the surface the problem of whether we have too many or not enough teams in our local competition. For years, we have existed with two divisions of ten and a third division that has hovered between eight and ten teams. This year the first major innovation was the introduction of one division of 12 and a second division of 14.

To my way of thinking this was a backward step.

We created a looser competition, allowing more space for mediocre players to step in, so lowering the quality of play.

I agree that our league competition, especially for the second and third divisions had been short, ending sometime in July, while the first division still had D'Orsogna Cup and Top Four Cup tournaments to complete.

However, I believe that this problem could have been overcome by creating three divisions of eight, or if you will to maintain formed clubs in competition, two divisions of eight and a third division of ten.

To give the clubs more competition three rounds could have been instituted.

I would also advocate the abandonment of the Top Four competition, which means nothing now the Australia Cup is no longer operating.

Relegation could still be two up and two down giving a more desperate look to the season.

The top teams would meet each other for an extra match, providing more chance of defeat for the leaders and bringing them back to the rest of the field for a tighter competition.

This system would provide less spaces for players and the resultant competition to find a place in top company would, or should, lead to a determination to raise the standard to make the grade.

Revenue for clubs would increase considerably as the teams with a big following would bring needed finance to the lower clubs more often and the extra clash between the big clubs themselves should generate more money for all concerned.

The problem of home ground advantage can easily be overcome by playing the third round on a neutral ground.

The fact that towards the end of a season certain grounds are not available should be no problem because we have a certain number at our disposal all the time. There is the

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## EDITORS' NOTES

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We hope everyone will enjoy the new format and we look forward to a continuing happy relationship with you — the reader.

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# Leave It Alone

says Peter Argo

Another change to the WASF competition would be a backward step in my opinion.

When the present set up of a first division of 12 and the second of 14 was first suggested and, later, approved, I was personally against it. I would have preferred to have seen three divisions of eight or two of eight and one of ten.

However, now that a new system has been put into operation, I believe it should be given a chance to work before changing it again.

It is said that 14 in the second division is unwieldy, yet they work in other States and countries. By playing matches on Monday public holidays, the main problem—that of grounds—has been overcome. So why change? Surely the administrators can handle the extra two teams in the division.

The main reason I would like to see the competition left unchanged this season is that it would be unfair for some of the clubs.

To reduce the 14 to 12, it is suggested that the bottom four teams at the end of the season play the top two amateur sides to decide the two who go into the second division and the four who would play in the amateur league.

This season is the first time I have watched a number of second division and amateur matches and I have been surprised at the high standard of play and the enthusiasm of officials.

Therefore, I believe the new second division clubs and the two amateur clubs should be given a chance.

For example, does anyone seriously believe that the two amateur teams would have any chance in a play-off with four

teams who have had a season of the tougher second division behind them?

A club like Alemannia Melville, for example, has the backing of a strong social club—the Rhein Donau Club—and has a good following among the German-speaking population. If they finish in one of the top spots in the amateur and if they want to go into the WASF second division, I believe they should be given this chance.

Though they have been showing good form this season, I believe they would be knocked out in a play-off with the lower second-division clubs. However, if they went into the second division next season, they would soon get used to the higher standard and be able to take action to consolidate their position.

If they have the basis for a second division side, they would have at least the second round of matches to play themselves into a position to avoid relegation the following season.

The same goes for other amateur clubs—I mention Alemannia because at present they look like being eligible for promotion at the end of this season.

One of the criticisms of the looser competition has been the poor standard of the bottom teams in the first division. On the form they have shown this year, Swan Athletic do not deserve a spot in division one—but at least they have had the chance to consolidate a position in top soccer—because there are eleven other teams.

What chance would a newly-promoted second division side have in a first division of only eight teams? I believe they would be relegated again the following season.

However, in the looser 12-side competition they would have a chance to build up a team and stay there because of the number of weak teams.

To summarise, I say, keep the competition as it is—12 in the first and 14 in the second. Promote and relegate two in each competition, with two newcomers given a chance from the amateurs. Make this the only avenue of getting new clubs into the WASF—a season or two in the amateurs hurts no club.

Before any proposal is put and passed, please make the details public before they go to a meeting for discussion. I appeal to all concerned to make use of the space available in SOCCER SCENE to let ALL federation officials, club officers, players and the public know details BEFORE they go to a meeting so that everyone will be able to take part in an informed and sensible debate—something that has been missing from past meetings where such vital issues are discussed and voted on.

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Velodrome, Inglewood, Walter Road, Gingin, McDonald road, Claremont showgrounds, Belmont Oval, Dorrien Gardens, Wauchope Park and even Perry Lakes Stadium.

One has only to look at this year's first and second division competitions to see the problems. Few can see Azzurri being overhauled, though this, of course, could still apply in an eight league competition. Remember though, they would be forced to meet Olympic, Cracovia and Tricolore a third time.

N.P.-Croatia has a stranglehold on the second division, though they have Kwinana United and Cockburn breathing down their neck.

With the Top Four meaning nothing apart from tradition, the rest of the first division field is bunched well behind the leader. Relegation appears certain for Swan Athletic, and, unless there is a great reversal of form, either Perth City or Subiaco City will join them.

And the season is only half finished.

A proposal for three divisions of eight needs such soul searching by clubs likely to be affected by a drop in status, but it does, in my opinion, need brave decisions by all for the good of the game. The overall probable benefits as well as the individual disadvantages should be considered.



Ray Hott (right) pours a drink for Keith Thomas

When Keith Thomas married recently he, like many grooms before him, was supported by a best man. In Keith's case the best man was S.M.A. Cottlesloe's Ray Hott, who for an hour and a half before the wedding did his best to make a monkey out of him.

This hour and a half was on the Inglewood playing pitch, where his team Kiev clashed with S.M.A. Cottlesloe. While Keith kept Ray scoreless, he could not prevent him from creating at least two of the goals in S.M.A. Cottlesloe's 5-1 victory.

They almost played in the same team, but S.M.A. Cottlesloe failed to come to financial agreement with Azzurri, allowing Kiev to step in and gain Keith's valuable services.

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## DALMATINACS

The clubs in all sports who fail generally are those without support, socially and at matches. It is difficult, therefore, to understand the comparative failure this season of Dalmatinacs, one of the strongest clubs of any division in the State — off the field.

It holds a variety of functions regularly and they are always well attended. Consequently, players get excellent treatment, I'm told. So it looks like it is up to the players to get down to it and do their bit.

Funnily enough, the club has performed well against top sides, but when it comes to teams it expects to take points from, it has been convincingly beaten.

Next year's recruiting campaign will be more selective club secretary George Ravlich tells me. They will be looking for dedication as an important pre-requisite to signing on. The club has plenty of potential and skills available, and several good players around which to build a team. Among these are players like Jimmy Miller, David Thompson, Ian Gallaway, Jimmy Rowland, Joe De Sousa and Fish Petrovich.

Eddie Rockland, a former Tricolore player, now has charge of the team and is trying to mould the combination into consolidating a place for the big effort to make the top next season. Supporters will be hoping he can develop a better approach to the game among players in the weeks ahead.

## KWINANA UNITED

The club committee came out with a bombshell last week. It reckons Croatia-North Perth is in a false position at the top of the second division ladder and will not be one of the two teams for promotion at the end of the season. It claims Kwinana and Cockburn United will have this honour.

The reason for all this—Croatia relies too much on two players—Dom Gillich and I. Piki.

Club secretary Bob Clark believes his team has the better all-round strength and will beat Croatia at the next encounter. Croatia won the first 4-2.

One thing is certain—the next match between the two should be a beauty and worth going miles to see.

A sad blow to Kwinana was the serious multiple fracture of a leg sustained by Graham Johns. Soccer supporters wish him well.

Clearing of the club's new ground has started and it may be ready for competition towards the end of next season.

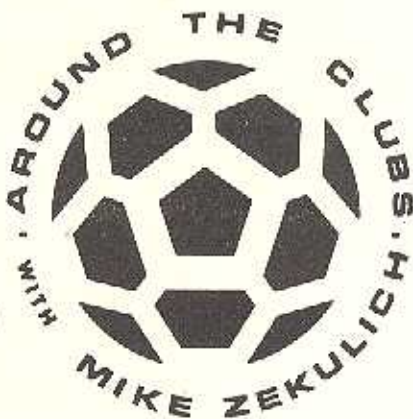
A high spot for the club this season is the line up of juniors each Sunday—120 of them in all right through the ranks, a healthy sign for Kwinana.

## SWAN ATHLETIC

Injuries have not helped a struggling Swan Athletic this season. This has made the job harder for the three or four players in the team who could be the nucleus of a reasonably good side.

Ken Wright, who had his leg broken several weeks ago, and Kevin Peterson, twisted knee, have only played three games out of the last eleven. Wright hopes to resume training soon.

The past success of Swan Athletic has come from strong junior teams. The club has none playing this year though boys are trained on Sunday mornings. Swan's build up is going to start with an intensive junior programme next year.



## ROCKINGHAM UNITED

The local council has offered the club a long-term lease of eight acres of land on the way into the town to establish headquarters. The club will submit plans for development of the site. Proposals are expected to include a senior, junior and training pitch, as well as clubrooms.

This will be a big boom to soccer in the area and in the State because the district has great potential.

Despite the position of the senior team on the table, it has played some excellent soccer and has deserved to win more points than the record shows.

An indication of the keen spirit at Rockingham can be gauged from a training incident last week. Defender Roger Barber and centre-half Ken Austin collided heavily in contesting the ball. Roger had five stitches inserted in a gashed head and Ken ten in a nasty eye injury.

Thirteen juniors from the club attended a week long training camp at Point Peron in the May holidays. Already they have shown the benefit with confidence in their play.

A fashion parade will be held at the Waikiki Hotel on July 27, and a teenage dance on July 2 and a junior stomp on July 16 at the McLarty Hall, Safety Bay.

## CROATIA-NORTH PERTH

There is one lesson to be learnt from being beaten by a lower team — do not take anybody for granted. This is the message round Croatia these days after their upset loss to Maccabi.

Though the club is highly fancied to take off premiership honours, the boys know there is a long way to go, said Vlada Knezovich. The slightest relaxation could see them slip back through the field.

Former reserve goalie Rasco Bunic has certainly made the most of his opportunity when called into the team as a replacement. He has been doing a great job.

Two young wingers with the club have impressed officials so much they are confident the boys can make the State team, all things being equal. They are Joe Lione and Darko Beretovic.

Knezovich was critical of the supporters of one team who threatened the umpire in a nasty incident after one game. "People should follow the game for enjoyment not to fight," he said.

The club will sponsor Tuart Hill juniors under a special agreement. The boys will continue to play under the name of Tuart Hill. But next year, the Under-16s will play under the name of Croatia-North Perth.

## FLOREAT ATHENA

It is a funny thing, but when things are going wrong for a team, everything seems against you. Athena have been battling and believe me they have had a poor deal from referees.

Secretary Venoutsos did not want it to sound like sour grapes but he said in one game, two penalties were awarded against the team, outside the area. Even opposition supporters laughed at the decisions, he said. Another disappointment has been that home ground matches were scheduled at grounds miles apart because Woodville Reserve was not available.

The club has acquired portable lights for training and hopes to sign on three lads from the U.K. who have been attending training.

The club has welcomed the return of Napoleon Christodoulouakis, a very serviceable player, who is back from the north and is delighted with the form of Theo Bassirs. He has been one of Athena's most consistent performers in his first season in W.A.



Stirling City's keeper Glen Croft punches the ball to safety during an attack by the Caladonians. Calies won 4-2 in an exciting second division match.



## BAYSWATER UNITED

John Davies is expected to arrive in Perth on June 22. He comes to Bayswater with a terrific reputation and he with his brother Reg, should do a lot to help lift the Bayswater boys into the centre of the State soccer stage.

While there may be some one at Bayswater who will have to take a backward step to make way for John or players of his calibre, it certainly will keep the competition for a place in the side keen and so the club will benefit. I know it doesn't always work this way, but in any sport, it should be the club that counts.

Three Bayswater players have joined Swan Athletic. They are goalkeeper Stan Markich, Tony Tatasciore and R. Rucci. Both the latter are defenders and were considered good reserve players.

The club's assistant coach John Spanos has recently taken over control of the reserves team and it is hoped he can lift them. Paul Petriw has resumed training after a car accident.

The club is delighted with the improvement in junior efforts. To last week, the under-10s had been unbeaten and were leaders in their division. The club has more than 100 boys in training. They are supported by an enthusiastic and interested junior administration, including a committee of parents. A recent walkathon and barbecue were a great success.

## QUEENS PARK

After an indifferent start to the season, the Queens Park boys have picked up a lot, as the season has progressed.

Changes in defence have contributed greatly.

Contrary to general club opinion, coach Roy Whelan put forward Phil Renieri at centre-half and placed two of last season's juniors in defence. They are Andrew Plummer and Bob Hardy.

The move has paid off. The defence has been a lot tighter and has kept other teams out pretty well. Forwards have done the rest for the Park boys and have won more than they lost at the half way mark.

Now round the club there is a feeling of confidence of making the final four. If achieved, it certainly will be a shot in the arm for Queens Park.

## GOSNELLS

Club secretary Ted Gray tells me it seems hard to believe there was no Gosnells soccer club in January 1969. The club now has two teams in the Federation, two in the Sunday amateur competition and for the first time, juniors.

In fact, each weekend five junior teams are fielded. Some 70 boys turn up for training on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Canning Vale Oval under the watchful eyes of Roy Barber, Len Thompson, Dave Childs, Tony Bradshaw and Eric Pitman.

The Under-10 and Under-12 teams are looking for friendly games. Ted can put anybody interested in touch with the right person.

One of the club's keenest Sunday footballers is Vic Pin. He travels from Pinjarra to training and to play. Vic has played in the East and has not been long in the State.

Gosnells are negotiating with the Gosnells Shire Council for their own headquarters, an enclosed ground, closer to residential areas of Gosnells. It will include dressing rooms and a club house.

## MACCABI

Enthusiastic Maccabi manager Stan Hall will be lost to W.A. and his club soon. On June 23, he will return to the U.K. to live for personal reasons.

Stan joined Maccabi midway through last season and saw them come from a team which this year looked like being kicked out of the competition to a useful combination.

The team had the distinction of being the first this season to beat second division premiership favourites Croatia-North Perth in what was a shock result. Before this Croatia were beginning to look like going through unbeaten.

Reflecting back on the season so far, Stan gives credit for the good effort to coach Dermot Buckley and some keen individuals like Paul Talbot (Daddy Long Legs), a young 22-year-old promising striker, who has scored 15 goals this season. Alex Meldrum, "iron man penalty king", and Phil Bradley, a stylish defender, make a big impression.

"Six months ago, we were a joke. Four months ago we started badly. Three months ago, we started to play soccer. One month ago, we were David against Goliath," says Stan.

## SUBIACO CITY

Subiaco City is one of the first division clubs who just can't get a home of their own. For years, they have tried, in fact for 61 years since they were formed. But still they have got nowhere.

"We have to play outside our own area of Subiaco because there is just nowhere for us to play that complies with the W.A.S.F. rules for first division," said club president Pat Maguire.

He said that Subiaco City was the only club between Dorrien Gardens and Azzurri and East Fremantle-Tricolore down at Wauhop Park. "And yet we have been unable to convince the Subiaco City Council that sporting facilities are needed in greater depth," he said. "The Council has or will spend \$1,000,000 on Subiaco Oval with the Subiaco Football Club paying 12½ percent of their gate to the council, who in turn place 2½ percent in an account for ground improvements."

"Subiaco City Soccer Club gains as many, if not more, supporters than the Subiaco City Cricket Club and yet the latter has had many thousands spent on them by the council," said Maguire.

Mr Maguire said that the council had told the club that if it could find a ground, they would look into the possibility of developing for soccer. "We found three, but on each occasion the council said that it was not suitable," he said. "However, two councillors seem sympathetic to our cause and one, Dr Dadour, has done much for us and we are deeply grateful."

Subiaco City officials see further into the future as a reason for their desire to gain a proper ground, because sooner or later a National League will become a reality, and Subiaco City will miss out without proper facilities.

## PERTH CITY

Perth City are not having the best of seasons but they are having a good time off the field in the social swing.

"The club's social committee has done a great job this year and, combined with the canteen at Perry Lakes, have gained valuable finance for us," said club manager Bob Brown.

While Perth City's first team is struggling to survive, their reserve team continues to uphold the normal successes of Perth City's reserves of the past.

Since joining the W.A.S.F. in 1963, Perth City have finished up in second place four times and played in three reserve cup-finals, winning one. Not a bad record. And the way they are going this year, another reserve premiership appears on the way.

## S.M.A.-COTTESLOE

This club is one of the more fortunate in the State because it continues to attract soccer players. This week, three more players, yet to be tried, have joined the club.

Two weeks ago, Haydon Thomas, a former Oxford City player, threw in his lot with the club.

Socially, the club is swinging along with its new headquarters a big attraction.

On the field, a big boost could come from former west Bromwich Albion, coach S. Williams who was capped 37 times Wales. Williams, who went on to coach Iran for almost two years will join S.M.A. as a member of its coaching staff.

The club junior teams have been doing well. Three teams in one weekend collected more than 20 goals in winning their matches. The junior teams look likely to provide the club with many of its future stars.

## SOUTH PERTH UNITED

The coaching of Peter Muller is starting to have the desired effect on the first team performances and they are playing some attractive soccer.

The pattern early in the season was for the team to hold its own until a goal was conceded and then to collapse completely. Now they have learnt to fight back.

In the game against Real Portuguese they were one down at half-time. In the second half they equalised, missed a penalty and lost by the odd goal (a sliced centre) in the last minute.

They were a goal down at half-time in the game against University, but in the second half, put on such pressure that the inevitable happened. Uni. and S.P. scored a fine goal three minutes from time and were unlucky not to score again.

The boost to morale was terrific and the team now has the confidence to climb up the table.



## EAST FREMANTLE-TRICOLORS

"This is by no means our worst season and I still say we will finish closer to first position than we will to third place," said club president Lou Ricci this week. Mr Ricci's concern is real in light of the club's performances this year. But it must be remembered that Tricolors, while gaining the services of a number of excellent players, have been without six of their players of last year's premiership side.

Missing is Peter Kerr, a tough full-back, Bob Hynd, dynamic striker, Bill Quinn, excellent midfield schemer, Mike Ireson, now successful coach of Olympic, Graham Oughton, now with Cockburn United, and, until recently, Gary Taylor, who is back as playing coach.

The biggest loss has been Hynd, whose broken leg has cost Tricolors many goals and probably the difference between win and lose in some matches.

There are some good youngsters in the offing, one being Dom Ciappini, who always seems to pick up a goal when he comes on. However, winger Bill Beattie has not produced his best for the club, but his best has caught the eye of State coach John Adshead.

New combinations have not been as successful as expected, but with Taylor back in the coaches chair, maybe he can reproduce the success he has had in the past when he has taken over the hot spot.

But Lou Ricci has a harsh word for the W.A.S.F. and the State team commitments that virtually took the guts out of Tricolors' ability to prepare properly for their matches week by week.

"We had five players in the squad and they were required to train four nights a week and play once or twice a week, a lot of work for part timers, who work hard during the day," said Mr Ricci.

He was particularly angry over a threat posed to his club when, for one week, Tricolors required the players on a Tuesday night.

"The State team trained on a Monday and had a game on the Wednesday and when we demanded our players for a club training, a phone call from the W.A.S.F. threatened us with suspension from competition unless we complied with State requirements and released our players," he said. "We have supporters to consider and they give generously to the club in an effort for success, but they want to see the benefits of their support on the field in the weekends."

Another aspect of Tricolors' disappointing showing was the lack of a break in training last year when the club was hoping to go to Indonesia for a tournament.

Last week, a surprise for Tricolors fans, those that turned up to the friendly against Perth City, was the appearance of former goal-scoring star Johnny McInroy. Though he didn't score in the reserve game, he helped lay on the goal that came Tricolors' way.

## CALEDONIANS

Juniors have continued to play an important part in the Caledonian club this year. Many young players have impressed soccer followers of various clubs this year.

Some of the most outstanding have been real "mosquito fleet" members. For example, an 11-year-old with the Under-14s. That is Terry McClean's task and he has equipped himself well. Another has been young Higginson, an 11-year-old goalie and son of former club star Doug.

Quinton Baldwin, 15, who has been picked in the State Under-16 team, has been playing outside-left for the senior team all season.

On one weekend, Caledonians had 13 of the 20 players in its reserves and senior team, who were considered juniors.

Peter Atkinson has been a tower of strength with the club at centre-half and appears to have lost none of his old form.

## STIRLING CITY

While Stirling City has little to shout about in their senior competition, they are coc-a-hoop over the way their juniors performed in the recent Stirling City centenary competition at Tuart Hill.

Conducted by Tuart Hill, it was a triumph for Stirling City, who won the Invitation Trophy and the City of Stirling Trophy, for a club within the Stirling City area.

They won the Under-14 competition, scoring 23 goals, while conceding none. So far the Under 14 have yet to concede a goal this year.

They were runners-up in the Under-16 competition, losing 0-2 to Cracovia in the final and missing out by a single percentage of a goal to Kwinana United in the Under-12s.

A fine record in a well-run competition.



*Alamannia's goalie Peter Horn aims for a piggy-back ride during this aerial duel with W.A.T. striker John Venn.*

## COOLBELLUP CORVETTES

The Coolbellup Corvette Soccer Club was founded in 1970 by a small group of keen soccer players and supporters. Through the endeavours of this small band and by advertising, their ranks soon blossomed into what is now a flourishing group of some 80 to 100 players and supporters, all contributing in their own way to further amateur soccer in W.A.

At first, finance was the big problem and this was momentarily overcome by arranging a social dance held at the Fremantle Masonic Hall. There have been two dances to date and an end-of-season dance is planned with incentive prizes for the best and fairest players.

The players' enthusiasm is overwhelming and we are sure that, given the right support, which we feel at present is better than most in the league, they can surpass all expectations. With experience of older players mixed with the exuberance of youth, the only problem so far is who plays where.

With a spate of unfortunate injuries and the lack of experience in key positions, the results of the earlier matches this season were disappointing. However, in recent matches, soccer of the highest order has at times been witnessed, culminating in a 2-2 draw with the league leaders. Now Coolbellup Corvettes look forward to 1971 with renewed enthusiasm and await each match with growing impatience to prove to our organisers and supporters that the confidence that they have in us is well founded.

Owing to the successful dances and the continued support, we have recently acquired our own ground which is to be modernised later this year, providing better facilities for the players. This ground has also brought us more players and, as always, we are on the lookout for new talent.

Any soccer players or soccer lovers are most welcome Wednesday nights at training and at the home matches on Sundays.

Our home Ground is ENRIGHT RESERVE on the corner of HEALEY ROAD AND INGRAM STREET HAMILTON HILL.

## INGLEWOOD KIEV

The selection of State teams is a question which has roused much controversy in Australian Rules football and is now being considered seriously in soccer.

Has the time come for form of proportion selection in soccer in this State?

Inglewood Kiev's Ziggy Kramer thinks it has and he certainly has a fair point. Kiev had four players selected to go to Indonesia. While the club is happy for the individual's sake, there is no doubt the club may come off second best in the weeks before a State team departs.

To overcome this Ziggy thinks a better system may be to select two players only from the top four teams in first division and one from the remainder.

He is an experienced man and one whose opinions are worth thinking about.



# Pendleton Transfer Move

A possible transfer for Olympic's Alan Pendleton appears to be much closer now than it was a few weeks ago.

At one stage, it seemed as though Olympic was intractable on the original fee of \$2,000.

Now after first negotiations with Kiev, who offered \$700, Olympic officials say they want another offer for further negotiations. The tone gives every indication that they would be prepared to accept less than \$2,000, but want a fair return for the time and money invested in Pendleton. "We want Kiev to raise their offer a bit," was the remark made by committeeman Vic Eftos.

Meanwhile, Olympic continue to shake up the first division with their best season in years. While a possible premiership seems unlikely in Azzurri's present winning mood, a second would be a welcome reward for the efforts on and off the field.

Much of the praise for the present situation must go to Mike Ireson, who, as playing coach, has welded an unusual harmonious team.

Mike has some strong players at his command, with Frank Cutts the obvious outstanding personality. But with players such as Sandy Thomson, Bobby Varlow and Lou Farkas back to their best, it is obviously a team effort.

Olympic promises to become much stronger with the return of John Miller into the first team soon and the increasing fitness of defender Tom Topalis, a tower of strength in the side's defence.

A strange twist in the club's fortunes is the disappearance of goalkeeper Lou Mellis, who has not been seen at the club for some weeks. This prompted Ireson to promote Steve Dimitrovich to the reserve goalkeeper position to understudy the new regular goalie, 16-year-old Tony Goudas.

The annual meeting of the club's committee could make a momentous decision to take a lease on the Kingsway reserve at Wanneroo as their future headquarters. If they decided to do this, the reserve will be used first for their clubs juniors, while they continue at the Lake Monger Velodrome. Eventually a licensed club would be built and a proper arena for sports will go up.

Olympic will hold a ball at the Hellenic Centre on July 17. Tickets are \$3 a head, with full supper supplied.

## Another new side

Stories abound of new juniors pouring into the game at every turn. Hardly a week goes by without a new team being formed in W.A.

The Swan area has for years been served by Swan Valley and Swan Athletic, but juniors have been noticeably lacking in recent times.

To remedy this deficiency a new junior club known as Midland Town was formed this year and its success has been staggering.

The brain child of Jim Ward and Chris Godfrey, the club started with 15 lads. At first they were prepared to take over the juniors and do the job for Swan Athletic. But a better deal came along when Midland-Inter, a team in the Federation's third division competition, pulled out of the competition and folded up.

Jim and Chris were approached to take over the responsibility of the district's juniors rather than Swan Athletic's. If they did, Midland-Inter would provide the goal posts and other equipment.

"This was a good offer for our future endeavours and we couldn't knock it back," said Jim.

The club now has 150 juniors and fields teams in the under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 competitions and will field a second team in the under 12 competition soon.

"We have a good social committee and we will hold a dance at the Midland's Trade Hall on July 10. Any youngsters keen on joining a go-ahead new outfit, especially those who live in the Midland area, are welcome to swell the ranks of what could become one of the State's major clubs in the future," said Jim. Contact Jim Ward on 74-2757.



Alan Pendleton

## CARNIVAL

A successful junior carnival to celebrate the centenary of the City of Stirling was held by Tuart Hill on Foundation Day and proved one of the most successful tournaments held in W.A.

The idea and guidance of Peter Gravestock was a success and its future as an annual event is now assured.

A big crowd attended the carnival, in which 12 clubs competed, with three teams each in three age groups — Under-12s, Under-14s and Under-16s.

The tournament was a triumph for Stirling City, who won the two major trophies — the City of Stirling Perpetual Trophy and the Invitation Perpetual Trophy. They won the Under-14s and were runners-up in the Under-12 and Under-16s.

All told, 252 games were played in games of five minutes each way.

Two of the competitions had to be decided on goal averages, Cracovia winning the Under-16s with 12 points from seven matches, followed by Stirling City with Melville and Kiev in third place.

Melville was the surprise of the tournament, looking possible winners after five matches, but losing out in the final two matches.

Under-14s went to Stirling City with 14 points, scoring 23 goals, while conceding none. They were followed by Tuart Hill and Subiaco City with nine points.

Under-12s proved an exciting battle with Kwinana United, Stirling City and Kiev finishing with 11 points from seven matches.

The title went to Kwinana, whose goal average of 11 for to 3 against, was superior to Stirling's 8-4 and Kiev's 5-3.

The trophies were decided on goals and corners from the combined three teams of each club.

Stirling recorded a victory that will be hard to overcome in the future with a total of 37 out of 42.

Runners-up Cracovia recorded 29 points.

The carnival was a successful, well-run tourney certain to be copied in the near future.

Tuart Hill want to thank all clubs who participated, especially members who acted as referees. Also the referees' body, who supplied ten refs throughout the day — referee Allen and Lamb, in particular, who stayed all day.



# WINDMILLS SIGN LOVE, WANT MATELJAN

"We would like to have the services of Colin Love and Gary Mateljan because we need a greater depth in our present line-up," said Windmills president Peter Van Der Schee.

Love has signed for Windmills, but it could take some lengthy negotiations to free him from the high transfer fee required by Swan Athletic.

When Love tried for Tricolore earlier this year, Swan Athletic placed a \$750 fee on his head — a sum which Tricolore refused to pay.

Love has not played a great deal this year, but Swan Athletic prize his ability to warrant a high transfer fee.

Gary Mateljan is a different kettle of fish and any fee on this defender's head is likely to be much higher than that demanded for Love. The reason — his outstanding ability and youth.

Last year, he was one of the real finds on State level, giving some tremendous performances against Moscow Dynamo and Manchester City. Studies have forced Gary to withdraw from the lime-light this year, but a player of this calibre will be ready for new challenges soon.

Windmills have trouble with injury to Maruice Carruthers, who has a broken bone in his foot.

Last week, they signed Stirling City full-back Roger Maitland and played him against Azzurri in their friendly encounter.

"This player was in Stirling's reserve side, but on last week's performance he looked a good prospect for our first team," said Mr Van Der Schee.

Mr Van Der Schee said he was disturbed at the state of the first division competition because of the Indonesia trip. He also criticised the W.A.S.F. over their refusal to allow an English player, who has been training with them for three or four months, to play in the friendly against Azzurri, because he does not have a clearance from England. "The match meant nothing and Azzurri didn't object to the move, just as we wouldn't have objected to their experimenting," said Mr Van Der Schee.

Windmills need more players of ability because at the end of the season defender Cel Parker, one of the most reliable defenders in W.A., returns to England. Also leaving in August is reserve goalkeeper Robert Van Derhield. The club has signed Tom McGovern from S.M.A.-Cottesloe, and Dutch midfield player Henry Rekers has improved since he joined the club recently.

Good players, however, will cost money under the present transfer set-up with direct club negotiations. Mr Van Der Schee is not critical of the transfer system as operating now, saying that there was a lot of good in the idea and protected clubs from losing players at the drop of a hat. He agreed that all players in future should be made aware of their obligations and what contracts mean when they sign a professional form.



Two of the young England stars who will be seen in action in Perth later this month are Watford's Keith Eddy (left) and Portsmouth's Norman Piper (right).

Neil Richo and Brian Rowan. Also signed is Brazilian Benedito da Silva Ataide, known as Bene, who once played for Bangor.

Rochester Lances have added the old Juventus player Adolfo Gori and Argentinian Francesco Escos to their playing staff.

The New York Cosmos have signed a number of players from the German-American Football Association, with whom they signed a pact. The club signed former Polish international goalkeeper Conrad Komek, who spent most of his career with Odra Opole.

## Ivanoff seeks clemency

by Mike Zekulich

A player who was suspended for life in 1963, has asked the W.A. Soccer Federation for clemency and to re-instate him as a player.

He is Nick Ivanoff who is now coach of Macedonia United.

Ivanoff, who was then playing under the name of Nicholas, was one of four Olympic players suspended for life following incidents with the referee and linesmen in a match against North Perth at Bayswater Oval.

In a letter to the W.A.S.F. Council this week Ivanoff said:

"As I am in my mid-thirties, I realise I still have a few years left in which I could take part in the game. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the Council would review its decision and move towards granting clemency for me. As this was my first and only offence, I feel sure you will consider my appeal as the conviction was not serious enough to warrant a life-time sentence. In the event of clemency being granted, I shall adhere to the conditions set out by the Council."

To me, this request seems reasonable. While no-one can condone assaults of any nature against referees or linesmen, or for that matter against any authority administering a sport, it does seem that completing 8½ years has been a reasonable price to pay. After all, even convicted criminals who behave well and respond to their sentences are rewarded with parole. This is especially so for first offenders.

The Macedonia club is prepared to put up a bond against his behaviour — that is how sure they feel about him.

## AMERICAN SERIES

The North American Soccer league, now operating its fourth year, will continue in that area of soccer uncertainty.

Four international teams will take part in an eight-team international competition. One already announced is the Scottish club, Hearts.

Another club to be invited this year is certain to be an Irish team. These teams will play with four American clubs in a special competition.

The U.S.A. has been a lucrative ground for the has-beens and the also-rans of Europe, Britain and South America. This year seems to be no exception as clubs chase players from the other continents.

The Toronto Matros have obtained three players from Aston Villa—goalkeeper Geoffrey Crudgington and defenders



# FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	8	1	-	39	8	17
Olympic	6	4	-	34	21	14
Cracovia	6	2	3	29	19	14
Bayswater U.	6	1	4	37	24	13
Tricolore	6	-	3	34	19	12
SMA-Cott.	5	2	4	27	25	12
Swan V.	4	3	3	27	25	11
Windmills	3	3	3	23	20	9
Kiev	3	1	5	16	23	7
Subiaco City	3	1	7	12	41	7
Perth City	1	2	7	17	33	4
Swan Ath.	-	-	11	11	57	-

# FIRST DIVISION RESERVE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth City	9	-	1	30	7	18
Tricolore	8	-	1	39	16	16
Azzurri	6	2	1	30	15	14
Kiev	5	1	3	18	10	11
Olympic	5	1	3	35	20	11
Subiaco City	3	5	3	30	19	11
Bayswater U.	3	5	3	29	23	10
Cracovia	3	5	3	35	23	9
Swan V.	3	1	5	13	22	9
SMA-Cott.	3	1	7	17	29	7
Windmills	1	-	8	6	27	2
Swan Ath.	1	-	10	7	68	2

# SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N.P. Croatia	14	-	1	69	20	28
Kwinana U.	12	1	2	48	17	25
Cockburn U.	12	2	4	38	24	24
Gosnells	8	3	4	33	24	19
Queens Pk.	9	7	6	36	33	15
Caledonians	7	7	6	36	33	15
Fre. Dal.	6	3	6	26	28	15
Maccabi	6	3	6	26	31	15
Stirling City	6	1	9	22	26	12
University	5	1	9	22	45	11
Floreat Ath.	3	3	9	29	52	9
Macedonia	3	2	10	33	40	8
Rock. Utd.	2	2	11	18	46	6
S. Perth Utd.	1	3	11	15	41	5

# SECOND DIVISION RESERVE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kwinana U.	12	1	2	64	17	25
Stirling City	10	4	1	48	22	24
Cockburn U.	8	5	2	43	19	21
Maccabi	7	4	4	41	24	18
Gosnells	7	4	4	37	17	18
Queens Pk.	7	2	6	33	40	16
Caledonians	6	3	6	32	26	15
N.P. Croatia	6	3	6	32	28	15
S. Perth Utd.	6	1	8	23	40	13
Fre. Dal.	4	3	8	22	34	11
Floreat Ath.	3	1	9	25	37	11
Macedonia	4	3	8	16	33	11
Rock. Utd.	4	-	11	15	55	8
University	1	2	12	13	32	4

# SATURDAY - JULY 3

DIVISION ONE  
Azzurri v Cracovia; Dorrien Gardens  
Bayswater v SMA-Cottelsoe; Bayswater  
Subiaco v Olympic; Showgrounds  
Swan Valley v EF-Tricolore; Gingin Rd.

DIVISION TWO  
Cockburn v South Perth; Fruitgrowers  
Macedonia v Stirling; Woodville Res.  
Caledonians v Dalmatinacs; Velodrome  
Maccabi v Queens Park; Memorial Pk.  
NP-Croatia v Rockingham; Wellington  
Kwinana v University; Thomas Oval

SUNDAY - JULY 4  
DIVISION ONE  
Swan Athletic v Kiev; McDonald Rd.  
Windmills v Perth City; Bayswater Oval

DIVISION TWO  
Athena v Gosnells; Dorrien Gardens  
SATURDAY - JULY 10  
DIVISION ONE  
SMA-Cott. v Windmills; Belmont  
Cracovia v Bayswater Utd; Perry Lakes  
Olympic v Swan Athletic; Velodrome

DIVISION TWO  
Stirling v Kwinana; Beatrice Street  
Gosnells v Macedonia; Canning Vale  
South Perth v Athena; Richardson Pk.  
Rockingham v Cockburn; Shoalwater  
Queens Park v NP-Croatia; Coker Park

Dalmatinacs v Maccabi; Wauhop Park  
University v Caledonians; McGillivray  
SUNDAY - JULY 11  
DIVISION ONE  
EF-Tricolore v Azzurri; Wauhop Park  
Kiev v Swan Valley; Ingleswood Oval  
Perth City v Subiaco City; Perry Lakes

# SOCCER STATISTICS

# UNDER 16 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kiev(2)	7	6	1	-	36	5	13
Tuart Hill	6	5	-	1	20	7	10
Cottelsoe	7	4	2	1	28	7	9
Stirling C.	6	4	1	1	25	6	9
Macedon	7	3	2	2	8	12	8
Belmont	7	4	-	3	21	8	8
Cracovia	16	2	2	2	11	23	8
Bays	7	2	2	3	7	13	6
Cockburn	8	2	1	5	10	26	5
Cracovia	8	1	3	3	12	18	5
Midland	6	-	1	5	3	23	1
Kiev(9)	8	-	1	7	1	44	1

# UNDER 16 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	8	7	-	1	57	6	14
Subiaco	8	7	-	1	28	14	14
Rock.	7	6	-	1	35	5	12
Athena	7	4	2	1	21	12	10
Cale.	8	4	2	2	23	14	10
St. Bren.	7	4	-	3	27	15	8
Kelm.	8	3	1	4	18	32	7
Melville	8	3	-	5	20	16	6
Kwinana	6	2	1	3	12	14	5
Espanol	8	1	1	6	6	23	3
Wycorn	8	-	1	7	3	71	1
Olympic	7	-	-	7	3	31	1

# UNDER 14 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirl. C.	3	8	8	-	76	1	16
Belmont	8	6	2	-	49	6	14
Kiev	7	6	-	1	25	11	12
Cott.	7	4	2	1	14	10	10
Windm.	7	4	-	3	22	12	8
Maccabi	7	4	-	3	22	13	8
Tuart Hill	7	3	-	4	10	15	8
Bays	7	4	-	3	10	15	8
Cracovia	7	3	-	4	18	9	7
Maced.	7	2	-	5	3	21	4
Stirl.C. 108	-	-	-	-	2	39	-
Midland	8	-	-	-	3	55	-
Finnharp8	-	-	-	-	8	62	-

# UNDER 14 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cale.	7	7	-	-	58	5	14
Kwinana	6	6	-	-	59	2	12
Tricolore	7	4	2	1	22	9	10
Rock.	6	4	1	1	26	12	9
Gray.	8	3	2	3	24	21	8
Subiaco	7	4	-	3	12	17	8
Melville	8	3	2	3	14	23	8
Olympic	7	3	1	3	9	11	7
Cockburn	7	2	1	4	14	23	5
Belmont	8	2	-	6	11	26	4
Wycornbe	8	1	1	6	12	48	3
St. Bren.	7	-	-	7	2	53	-

# UNDER 12 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belmont	9	9	-	-	71	2	18
Azzurri	9	7	1	1	33	7	15
Stirl. C.	110	6	3	1	24	9	15
Windm.	9	6	2	1	41	7	14
Macedon	9	6	1	2	31	10	13
Stirl.C.1610	5	3	2	2	29	11	13
Tuart H.	9	5	2	2	39	10	12
Cracovia	9	6	-	3	27	14	12
Maccabi	10	6	-	4	24	18	12
Cottel.	10	4	1	5	28	21	9
Kiev	10	3	1	6	17	23	7
Morley	10	2	2	6	9	49	6
Fl. Ath.	9	2	1	6	16	26	5
Bays	9	2	1	6	10	27	5
Midland	10	2	-	8	10	63	4
Ashfield	9	-	-	9	2	57	-
Balga	9	-	-	9	4	67	-

# UNDER 12 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kwin.2	9	9	-	-	64	1	18
Olympic	7	7	-	-	31	4	14
Melville	10	7	-	-	3	23	14
Tricolore	10	6	1	3	36	7	13
Kwin.11	9	5	2	2	32	10	12
Kelm.1	10	6	2	2	36	19	12
Gosnells	9	5	1	3	22	14	11
Wycorn.4	8	4	3	1	21	23	10
Rock.	9	3	3	3	13	10	9
Subi.	10	3	2	5	11	22	8
Cock.	9	4	-	5	17	24	8
Espanol	9	2	3	4	8	23	7
Caledon.	8	1	2	5	4	27	4
Kelm.10	9	2	-	7	8	32	4
Rock.s/b	8	1	1	6	7	33	3
Croatia	9	1	-	8	8	35	2
Wyc.13	9	-	1	8	3	58	1

# UNDER 10 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bays	8	7	1	-	38	7	15
Macca.1	8	6	1	1	19	5	13
Cracovia	8	3	4	1	19	7	10
Belmont	8	4	1	3	17	8	9
Wind.	8	3	2	3	16	11	8
Midland	8	2	2	4	3	16	5
Morley	8	1	2	5	5	22	4
Macca.5	8	-	-	8	-	41	-

# UNDER 10 CENTRAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. City	8	7	-	1	38	4	14
Azzurri	8	6	1	1	31	2	13
Olympic	8	6	1	1	30	6	13
Cottel.	8	4	-	4	31	15	8
Tuart H.	8	4	-	4	29	19	8
Maced.	8	2	-	6	6	16	4
Cock.	8	1	1	6	4	43	3
Balga	8	-	1	7	1	65	1

# UNDER 10 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melville	8	7	1	-	24	3	15
Kwinana	8	5	1	2	12	9	11
Rock.	8	3	4	1	6	4	10
Kelm.	8	1	4	3	2	4	6
Gosnells	8	2	1	5	3	11	5
Rock.s/b	8	-	1	7	2	18	1

# FIRST DIVISION

# AMATEUR

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gosnells	10	1	-	52	8	21
Alamanna	8	2	1	46	10	18
Kelmiscott	7	1	3	43	19	15
Riverside	6	2	3	32	19	14
Subiaco City	5	-	6	41	43	10
Belmont	3	4	4	26	33	10
Morley	4	2	5	25	32	10
W.A.T.	1	3	7	18	38	5
Queens Pk	2	1	8	17	42	5
University	1	-	10	7	63	2

# SECOND DIVISION

# AMATEUR

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Port.	8	2	1	43	9	18
Fre. Dal.	9	-	2	57	19	18
WP. Espanol	7	2	2	58	15	16
Vic Park	6	3	2	23	17	15
Graylands	6	1	4	31	18	13
Meazza	6	-	4	38	25	12
South Perth	6	-	5	26	27	12
Postal Inst.	3	3	4	40	41	9
Coolbellup	3	1	7	20	32	7
Royals Utd.	2	1	8	15	60	



# Where has all the money gone?

asks David Andrews

A few years ago, the Soccer Federation of W.A. had thousands of dollars in the general account after the sale of Soccer House in Subiaco. Since then, the funds have dropped alarmingly towards disaster and it stands at the end of the month of May at \$275.

There has been a considerable amount outlaid in promotions and capital expenditure in the intervening years.

The major buy was the lights at the Lake Monger Velodrome costing somewhere in the region of \$20,000. Then there has been money spent on establishing and maintaining an office.

The need for a full-time secretary is essential if we are to operate at a proper level. We cannot afford to go back to part-timers.

But a lot of money has been spent without adequate returns to at least partly balance the ledger.

Big amounts have been spent on tours of Asia. Were they worthwhile? This depends on your point of view in relation to such tours.

A comparison of figures in the last three months will amply illustrate our drop in finances.

At the end of April the Federation had a balance of \$1,802, a drop of \$206 from the previous month's figures. However, at the end of May the balance stood at a credit of \$275.

A drastic drop in revenue though in that month a refund of \$500 from the touring fund and State coaches expenses for the quarter, were included.

There have been a few ups, especially where overseas teams have swelled the account. In June, we can expect a sizeable return from the game between W.A. and England on June 27 at Perry Lakes Stadium.

After last week's secretaries' meeting the federation must now return about \$2,300 to clubs for overpaid dues.

At an extra-ordinary meeting in January clubs failed to agree on a rise in yearly affiliation fees (\$100 to \$200 for first division clubs and \$25 to \$100 for the second division clubs).

Some clubs suggested that the clubs make a donation of the extra \$100 for this year, which many did. However,

others said that they were under the impression that this money was to be a loan.

Now the clubs have voted overwhelmingly to rescind any motions or suggestions made at the January meeting regarding the extra \$100.

The federation is obviously

not in a position to return this money, having used it for the promotion of the game already.

At least 12 clubs have indicated that under the present set-up of the federation, they will do nothing to alleviate the financial crisis.

It is imperative that money be found in the near future if the game is to continue to operate.

If last month's excess expenditure over receipts is copied then the federation will be operating on a debit balance.

FIRST DIVISION										
	Azzurri	Bayswater	Cracovia	Tricolore	Kiev	Olympic	Perth City	SMA-Cott.	Subiaco City	Swan Ath.
Azzurri	H A	5-0	2-1	3-1	5-1	2-2	8-1	3-0	3-0	8-2
Bayswater	H A	0-5	2-2	1-0	2-5	4-5	5-1	1-2	6-2	7-0
Cracovia	H A	1-2	2-2	3-2	3-0	3-4	2-1	4-5	6-1	2-0
Tricolore	H A	1-3	0-1	2-3	2-1			4-3	12-2	7-2
Kiev	H A	1-5	5-2	0-3			1-1	2-4	3-2	2-1
Olympic	H A	2-2	5-4	4-3			4-1	2-2	3-1	8-2
Perth City	H A	1-8	1-5	1-2	1-1	1-4		1-1	1-2	6-1
SMA-Cottesloe	H A	0-3	2-1	5-4	4-2	2-2	1-1		1-2	1-0
Subiaco City	H A	0-3	2-6	1-6	2-12	1-3	2-1	2-1		6-2
Swan Athletic	H A	2-8	0-7	0-2	2-7	2-8	1-6	0-1	2-6	
Swan Valley	H A		1-2	1-1	2-3	3-1	4-3	2-7	4-3	6-1
Windmills	H A		1-7	1-2	2-3		2-1	4-1	0-0	4-0

SECOND DIVISION										
	Caledonians	Cockburn Utd.	Floreat Athena	Fre.Dalmatinacs	Gosnells	Kwinana Utd.	Maccabi	Macedonia	N.P. Croatia	Queens Park
Caledonians	H A	3-6	6-1	0-2	3-4 1-1	0-1	2-1	1-3	0-5	2-4
Cockburn Utd.	H A	6-3	5-3 6-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	3-2	4-3 3-1	2-3	5-1
Floreat Athena	H A	1-6	0-6 1-6	3-3	2-2	2-3 1-6	1-2	4-2	1-4	5-1
Fre.Dalmatinacs	H A	2-0	1-3	3-3		1-4	0-4	1-1	1-2	3-2 2-3
Gosnells	H A	1-1 4-3	2-3	2-2	4-1	0-1	1-1 2-1	4-2	0-7	0-1
Kwinana Utd.	H A	1-0	3-2	4-1 3-2	4-0	1-0		6-1	4-0 2-3	2-0
Maccabi	H A	1-2	2-3	2-1	1-2 1-1	2-2		2-2	1-0	0-2
Macedonia	H A	3-1	1-3 3-4	2-4	1-1	2-3	1-6	2-2	4-5 1-5	1-4
N.P. Croatia	H A	5-0	3-2	4-1 2-1		7-0	4-2	0-1	5-1 5-4	8-2
Queens Park	H A	4-2	1-5	3-2 2-3	1-0	3-2 0-4	2-0	4-1		2-8
Rockingham	H A	1-4	1-5	4-7	1-1 1-2	1-6	0-2	1-4	1-5	0-4
Stirling City	H A	2-4	1-5	3-0	1-2	0-2	0-1	7-1 1-3	2-0	1-3
South Perth	H A	1-2 0-2	0-4	2-2	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-3	5-3	0-2
University	H A	1-6	2-1	2-3	0-4	0-2	2-7	4-1	1-4	1-8



## MILANOVICH HITS OUT

Azzurri goalkeeper Milan Milanovich recently lashed out at what he calls inattention to Players' needs by both clubs and the W.A.S.F.

"Players who make the game, rarely come into consideration in a club's overall policy," said Milanovich.

He cited such points to support his argument as the unfeeling attitude by officials to players' request for transfers.

"If there's money to be made on you, they try and make it, regardless what it might do to you or the game. They will keep you out of the game if they can unless their transfer fee demand is met," he said.

"More and more time and effort is demanded of the player to meet the ever-increasing challenges the game is presenting today. But how many players are medically checked by doctors before the start of each season? It doesn't matter whether you are fit or not, medical checks should be compulsory and the responsibility of the club to their player.

"Players do the work, but they have no say in their careers or future. The amount paid to players is negligible when one considers what it costs to travel to training and the game, expenses on equipment and money lost you could have made in overtime payments.

"Most of us could earn three times what we are paid by working on Saturday instead of playing".

Transfer fees going to the club and the player getting nothing, is another of Milanovich's complaints. However, he admits that some players in the star category are making deals on the side for joining a club.

Few clubs ever take into consideration a player's service to the club when he asks for a transfer and invariably they will continue to ask exorbitant fees regardless of the situation.

Milanovich, while not playing regularly and hardly at all in the first team, has found it impossible to join another club because of a high four figure fee required for his release.



## Cracovia take over St. Denis

Cracovia, well known for their youth policy since the arrival of the four original internationals in 1919, continue to invest in this rewarding and vital area.

This thoughtful club has taken over the responsibility of developing the code in the St. Denis school Joondanna.

This could be the basis of a much wider plan for school soccer in the area served by Cracovia.

"We were extremely encouraged to continue this scheme with St. Denis and think of possible expansion after the training session at the school, when no less than 30 youngsters turned up," said club secretary Frank Cwetsch.

The man responsible for introducing the game to the new generation of players is former State goalkeeper Peter Mitchell, who may need an assistant if the trend at the school is any indication.

Club officials hope to be able to compete in regional school competition soon and obviously Cracovia looks up to this scheme as a basis for future talent into the senior ranks of their own team.

But Mr Cwetsch was quick to point out that this is not the main aim of the scheme, but more to spread the code.

Cracovia was first approached by St Denis to continue the service the coaches body had started, but were forced to stop.

The club will provide facilities, including clothing for training and, later when the scheme is well under way, proper Cracovia playing strip.

St Denis entered an inter school competition and played their first match against Mirrabooka on June 9, which was attended by club president John Smenda.

Cracovia hope that this example will encourage other clubs to do the same. Eventually this could lead to club controlling schools in set areas as the forerunner to district junior soccer.

This is the pattern in Adelaide. It would obviously be a better system than the present haphazard way with junior clubs increasing faster than the administration's ability to control them and schools developing individually without firm direction.

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# AMATEURS

by John Venn

At the club meeting of the amateur body last Monday, a number of contentious points were brought up.

One was the manner in which the administration had decided to allow new team Corinthians to take over Perth City's matches and to allow a recent friendly encounter in which Corinthians won 14-1 to score.

Corinthians, while playing in place of Perth City, will not take over full competition status until the start of the second round.

Corinthians were formed recently by players who broke away from the Belmont club after internal dissension. In retaliation Belmont placed a playing ban on the players involved, holding them over non-payment of club dues.

The amateur council decided to support the ban.

However, last week the amateur association affiliated with the Soccer Federation of W.A. and now have to abide by the senior body's ruling. One such ruling is that clubs cannot use the excuse of club dues as a means of holding amateur players. Therefore, the amateur council reversed their ruling, freeing the Belmont players to form Corinthians.

The amateurs will have to re-draw their constitution to comply with the W.A.S.F.

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The amateur association has come across their first challenge to the ruling of what constitutes an amateur. Victoria Park were forced to relinquish Cosma Dura, who had said on his registration form that he was an amateur, but a search of the W.A.S.F. files showed that he had signed professional with both Julia and Azzurri at one time. Victoria Park denied knowledge of Dura's past history. Dura was told that if he wanted to play in the amateur league he would have to apply to the W.A.S.F.'s status committee to regain his amateur standing.

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Golden Eagles is the only country club to apply for entry into the amateur knockout competition. However, the amateur association has written to the Collie association asking whether they will hold a country carnival similar to the one that has been held in Perth in the past few years. At least six clubs would travel to Collie to take part in such a tournament.

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An urgent change required to the constitution of the amateur association is the clause dealing with transfers. At present, no club can sign players after June. However, it appears that administrators when drafting the constitution became mixed up in this matter.

Normally, the W.A.S.F. bars transfers between clubs in W.A. after June 30, but there is no bar on new player from outside W.A. joining a club in W.A. This is what the amateur body meant when compiling their constitution. An extraordinary meeting will be required to change this clause otherwise no players can join amateur clubs after June, unless the association is prepared to turn a blind eye on their own mistake.

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Another four clubs have applied to join the amateur body but councilmen have refused to accept any more clubs at this late stage, but will open applications for next year.

They anticipate a flood of entries and the amateurs could have more teams competing next year than the W.A.S.F.

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A wind-up social will be held by the amateurs on October 2 after the J.C. Fairchild Cup Final and will be held at Lynwood. At this function all cups and medals will be presented.

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Outside observers after having watched most teams in the amateur competition are impressed with Gosnells and Alemannia from the first division, while singling out Real Portuguese, Victoria Park and Meazza as exciting, if somewhat temperamental in their play.

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The Eastern Goldfields has applied for affiliation with the Amateur Association.



W.A.T.'s goalkeeper Owen "Yashin" Ridgeway flies across his goal, but the ball sneaked past to give Alemannia Melville a goal. Alemannia were too powerful for W.A.T. and won 8-0.

## FIXTURES

<b>JUNE 27</b>	
<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	
Gosnells v Belmont; Canning Oval	3.00 p.m.
Queens Park v Kelmscott; Coker Park	3.00 p.m.
W.A.T. v Subiaco; Walter Road	3.00 p.m.
Rivervale Utd v University; Ascott Park	3.00 p.m.
Morley v Alemannia; Emberson Reserve	3.00 p.m.
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>	
Perth City v Postal Inst.; Hamilton Square	1.30 p.m.
W.P. Espanol v Fremantle Dal. Hamilton Square	3.00 p.m.
Coolbellup v Wundowie; Enwright Oval	3.00 p.m.
Royal United v South Perth; Banks Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Grayland Host. v Real Portuguese; Davies Road	3.00 p.m.
Victoria Park v Meazza; Lee Reserve	3.00 p.m.
<b>JULY 4</b>	
<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	
Kelmscott v Gosnells; Byford Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Subiaco v Queens Park; Rosalie Park	3.00 p.m.
Rivervale Utd v W.A.T.; Ascott	3.00 p.m.
Belmont v Morley; Miles Park	3.00 p.m.
Alemannia v University; Shirley Strickland Oval	3.00 p.m.
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>	
Fremantle Dal. v Perth City; Fremantle Park	1.30 p.m.
Wundowie v W.P. Espanol; Wundowie Oval	1.30 p.m.
South Perth v Coolbellup; Richardson Park	3.00 p.m.
Real Portuguese v Royal United; Fremantle Park	3.00 p.m.
Victoria Park v Grayland Host; Lee Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Meazza v Post Inst.; Lee Reserve	1.30 p.m.
<b>JULY 11</b>	
<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	
Gosnells v Subiaco; Canning Vale Oval	3.00 p.m.
Queens Park v Rivervale Utd.; Coker Park	3.00 p.m.
University v W.A.T.; McIlhenny Oval	3.00 p.m.
Morley v Kelmscott; Emberson Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Alemannia v Belmont; Shirley Strickland Oval	3.00 p.m.
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>	
Perth City v Wundowie; Hamilton Square	1.30 p.m.
W.P. Espanol v South Perth; Hamilton Square	3.00 p.m.
Coolbellup v Real Portuguese; Enwright Oval	3.00 p.m.
Royal United v Victoria Park; Banks Reserve	1.30 p.m.
Grayland Host. v Meazza; Davies Road	3.00 p.m.
Postal Inst. v Fremantle Dal.; Banks Reserve	3.00 p.m.
<b>JULY 18</b>	
<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	
Rivervale Utd. v Gosnells; Ascott Park	3.00 p.m.
W.A.T. v Queens Park; Walter Road	3.00 p.m.
Subiaco v Morley; Rosalie Park	3.00 p.m.
Kelmscott v Alemannia; Byford Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Belmont v University; Miles Park	3.00 p.m.
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>	
South Perth v Perth City; Richardson Park	3.00 p.m.
Real Portuguese v W.P. Espanol; Fremantle Park	3.00 p.m.
Victoria Park v Coolbellup; Lee Reserve	3.00 p.m.
Wundowie v Postal Inst.; Enwright Oval	3.00 p.m.
Meazza v Fremantle Dal.; Lee Reserve	1.30 p.m.
Grayland Host. v Royal United; Davies Road	3.00 p.m.



# W.A. Uni. Makes Memorable Tour

By Roger Hill

The University Soccer Club created a memorable impression in soccer circles in the Eastern States when it convincingly won the Australian Universities Soccer Tournament, in competition with ten other Australian Universities, held in Melbourne from May 15-22.

The University squad consisted of sixteen players eight from the University club and eight from other clubs, notably seven First Division regulars.

The University Club players were Muti (Captain) Roger Hill, John Clissa, Jim Pougher, Jerry Allen, Paul Draper, Wally Moroz and Abraham Varughese. Players from other clubs were Alf Debono (Bayswater), Gus Formato (Azzurri), Ken Maguire (Windmills), Ian Pineira (Subiaco), Greg Peterson (Swan Valley), Mike Allenby (Swan Athletics), Neil Davidson (SMA Cottlesloot) and Nick Binder (South Perth). All members of the squad are undergraduate students at the University of Western Australia.

In the preliminary competition W.A. was drawn in a division with the University of Adelaide, University of New England, University of New South Wales and Melbourne University.

In the first game W.A. University met Adelaide, who were thought to be one of the weaker teams in the competition. The W.A. University team, however, had not played together before, and took some time to settle down. In a hard first half only one goal was scored (Davidson). In the second half, W.A. University, working together, found their touch and added four further goals (Davidson, Pineira, Debono and Formato).

The following day we expected a hard match against New England, who had previously defeated Adelaide 3-0. But it was not to be, for in this match W.A. University struck top form and slammed in six goals (Davidson 3, Debono 2 and Formato). The team had taken shape in a 4-3-3 formation with Jim Pougher in goal, Greg Peterson (Jerry Allen), Mike Allenby and Muti in the backline, Gus Formato, Alf Debono and Roger Hill in midfield, Ken Maguire, Neil Davidson, Ian Pineira and John Clissa (Paul Draper) in the front line.

The same afternoon we were to play N.S.W. who had won the tournament for the previous two years. With effective push and run tactics W.A. University soon took control and were 3-1 up at the interval (Maguire, Pineira, Formato). A penalty put N.S.W. back in the game but the match was sewn up when Neil Davidson netted a final goal.

The next day, against the home-town Melbourne side, W.A. University was able to give all its reserves a full game. Wally Moroz at full-back, Abraham in midfield and Nick Binder on the wing all performed creditably in a comfortable 6-1 victory (Clissa 2, Binder 2, Pineira and Davidson).

At the end of the preliminary competition W.A. remained the only team with a 100% record. The State of the two division was as follows.

	P	W	D	C	F	A	Pt
Western Australia	4	4	0	0	21	4	8
N.S.W.	4	2	1	1	7	6	5
New England	4	2	0	2	7	8	4
Adelaide	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Melbourne	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sydney	5	4	1	0	14	5	9
Newcastle	5	3	0	2	14	11	6
Monash	5	2	2	1	10	8	6
Queensland	5	2	1	2	16	13	5
Macquarie	5	2	0	3	11	10	4
Tasmania	5	0	0	5	3	21	0

In the semi-final on Friday morning, we were to play Newcastle. The game began before we went on to the field and W.A. University just managed to out sing the opposition (who were supported with bag pipes) in the dressing rooms. Again, this time owing to a frozen hard pitch, W.A. University took a little time to settle down but the dynamic midfield and opportunist forwards soon took control and we ran out 5-0 winners (Pineira, Formato, Maguire, Davidson and Debono). In the other semi-final Sydney had a much harder



W.A. University players (from left) Neil Davidson, Ken Maguire, Alf Debono and Gus Formato were picked in the Australian Universities team to tour New Zealand in August.

battle against N.S.W. and the score, after extra-time, was still 2-2. The match was eventually decided on penalties, with Sydney scraping home.

The final was played against Sydney University on the same afternoon at the University Oval. A large crowd was present to see what turned out to be a hard-fought match. Sydney scored first when the W.A. defence was left flat-footed from a free-kick. For a while things looked grim, but, building up confidence, W.A. fought back with two quick goals from Alf Debono and Gus Formato.

W.A. University, however, were not playing at their best, despite having most of the play. It did not come as a great surprise when Sydney equalized soon after half-time. This goal brought W.A. to life and the Sydney goal was under constant pressure. The Sydney goalie was magnificent and kept out many scoring shots. At last, Alf Debono, from an acute angle, lobbed a perfect shot into the back of the net, to ensure that the prized cup came to the West for the first time ever.

At the presentation ceremony the University of Western Australia was honoured by the inclusion of four of the triumphant side in the Australia Universities Representative XI. Our representatives were Alf Debono, Neil Davidson, Gus Formato and Ken Maguire. These players have the opportunity to travel with the team on a tour to New Zealand in August.

The tour can be considered a huge success and no doubt the victory has created additional prestige for Western Australian soccer in the Eastern States.

## COCKBURN GOING UP?

The big question at Cockburn is can the club make first division next season? It is certainly a three-way battle with Kwinana and Croatia at this stage.

On performances, the club believes it should be ahead of them, but it is points on the board which count.

Changes in the team's defensive system are needed. When these are finalised, it will improve their team by 20 per cent. If the players can support this claim, then it certainly will be first division next year.

One of the most impressive comebacks in W.A. soccer post war has been the return to the Cockburn first team of Malcolm Bancroft. He has been playing reserves for about three years. With Graham Oughton, the club believes it has two players with plenty of soccer know-how.

Bob Deale is back in training after a knee injury and he will give the team more stabilisation.

The club's reserves team is in the top four and it is now running four junior teams—all in all, a healthy state of affairs for Cockburn.



# IDOL RIVA IS BACK



In Cagliari, Luigi Riva can do no wrong. He is a God, idolised by his legion of followers.

Wherever one looks in the streets of Cagliari, Riva's picture looks down. So it was somewhat of a shock to Riva when he came in for some harsh criticism for his initial performance in the Anglo-Italian tournament.

When Cagliari was beaten 1-2 by Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park, Palace manager Bert Head said that Riva was no more than a \$90,000 player.

Riva did not take kindly to such assessment of his ability, especially as it is open knowledge that Inter-Milan was prepared to pay more than \$2 million for his transfer.

Later, Head said that Riva was obviously one of the world's greatest players and just didn't seem in the mood to turn on this brilliance against Crystal Palace.

However, in the return match, Riva exploded to underline Head's later description of him and to emphasise the reason for his considerable reputation.

He took full revenge on the Palace,

scoring two good goals and taunting and teasing the opposition into a 2-0 loss.

His first goal came in the 6th minute and was described as a vicious dagger in the heart of Crystal Palace. In the closing minutes of play, Riva headed a magnificent goal after a cross from Martinaloma overlapping from defence.

It was a great match for a champion who had missed most of the season because of a broken leg.

Such was Riva's form that Italian national coach Valcareggi could be faced with a major problem in the month to come with the European championship title at stake.

Boninsegna has played so well in attack and has displayed an ability to move fast off the mark, with tremendous shooting power. He and Prati dovetail so well that the question is being asked: Can Riva and Boninsegna work as well together?

If not, who could be omitted? Italy's 0-0 result against Sweden on June 9 suggests that some deep thoughts are needed on the subject.

## FEIJENOORD WINS DUTCH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Dutch championship had an exciting finish with the European Cup holders Ajax Amsterdam and the 1970 European Cup winners Feijenoord Rotterdam both having a chance of taking the title before going on to the field for last games on June 7.

At that stage, Feijenoord led Ajax by two points, but Ajax had far better goal averages, so a loss by Feijenoord and a win by Ajax would have given the title to the Amsterdam club.

However, Ajax lost 1-4 to Go Ahead Deventer, while Feijenoord beat Haarlem 2-1 to give Rotterdam the title by four clear points.

Final standings were:

Feijenoord Rotterdam	57
Ajax Amsterdam	53
ADO Den Haag	50
PSV Eindhoven	49
FC Twente Enschede	48
Sparta Rotterdam	45
Go Ahead Deventer	38
NEC Nijmegen	35
FC Utrecht	33
Volendam	28
DWS Amsterdam	27
Telstar Velsen	27
MVV Maastricht	26
NAC Breda	24
Holland Sport Den Haag	23
Excelsior Rotterdam	20
AZ '67 Alkmaar	15
Haarlem	14

## Swiss Title To Grasshoppers

A play-off was needed to decide the Swiss championship. FC Basel and Grasshoppers finished at the top, both with 42 points. Basel had superior goal average, but these do not count for the title.

Grasshoppers won the play-off and the 1971 title.

FC Zuerich, who visited Australia last year, finished fifth with 28 points.

Final standings were:

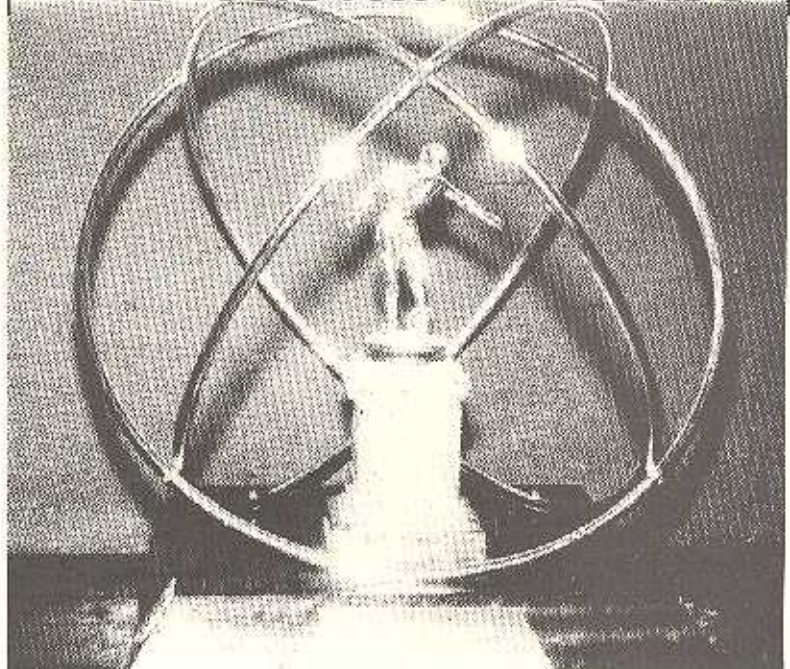
FC Basel	42
Grasshoppers	42
FC Lugano	31
Lausanne	30
FC Zuerich	28
FC Winterthur	27
Young Boys	26
Servette Geneva	26
Chaux-de-Fonds	24
FC Biel	21
FC Lucerne	20
FC Sion	19
FC Fribourg	19
AC Bellinzona	9

## JACK TAYLOR

Referee Jack Taylor (40) who gave a solid performance in the European Cup Final at Wembley, has whistled his way round the world. He has appeared before 180,000 in Brazil but also before a handful in a local match.

He was the youngest referee to officiate in a league match at 25-years old between Hartlepool and Southport, and has since controlled more than 700 matches.

## THE TROJAN TROPHY



TROJAN OF JOYCE BROS. will again present an award for the most consistent player in W.A.'s present touring side in Indonesia.

Last year Tricolore's full-back Eric Edmonds won the inaugural award, an unusual trophy and a fold-a-bed.

The award is made to the player who gains the most votes given by a panel of touring officials.

The trophy (pictured above) is presented through SOCCER SCENE.



# PROFILE:

## Johnny Warren

by James Green in Sydney

If anyone in Australia has earned the title Mr Soccer, that person, surely, is Johnny Warren.

Although Warren has been playing first grade soccer for some 11 years, he is still a young man, both physically and mentally. There is no reason why he should not continue to do great things for the code for many more years.

Not yet 28, Johnny Warren is playing this season as well as he has ever played in his distinguished career.

Captain of Sydney's St. George-Budapest club and Australia's national side, Warren represents all that is best in the round ball game in this country. As a player, he must rank with the greatest, because to see him on one of his really good days is to see a footballer of world class.

Operating mainly in the midfield area, Warren still has the urge to go forward as an orthodox centre-forward to hammer in match-winning goals for his club and country.

Who could ever forget Warren's magnificent "goal that wasn't" when Australia played South Korea in the final match of the 1969 World Cup elimination tournament in Seoul? With his team hanging on grimly to narrow success in that tournament, and the minutes ticking away, Johnny embarked on a dogged, determined run upfield — with the entire Korean team seemingly in chase. Warren shrugged off one tackle, then another, then a third. All the time the ball was at his feet until, he placed it magnificently past Korea's stunned goalkeeper.

I still think that was one of the best goals Johnny Warren will ever score, yet it is not in the record book. The Asian referee, after consulting a linesman, disallowed the goal. To this day, nobody seems to know why the goal was ruled out. Even the neutral president of the F.I.F.A., Sir Stanley Rous, sitting in the stand, had to exclaim: "That was a perfect goal!"

Some temperamental players might have exploded, called the referee unprintable names, and have been sent off for their quite natural reaction. Instead, Johnny Warren bit his tongue, muttered his thoughts for his own benefit, and proceeded to get on with the game.

Nobody would have blamed him if he had lost his head on that night in Seoul — with so much at stake for Australia. But he is one of soccer's gentlemen — and he has had too many disappointments to lose his cool, even under such provocation. Warren does more for soccer than just turn in consistently above-average games.

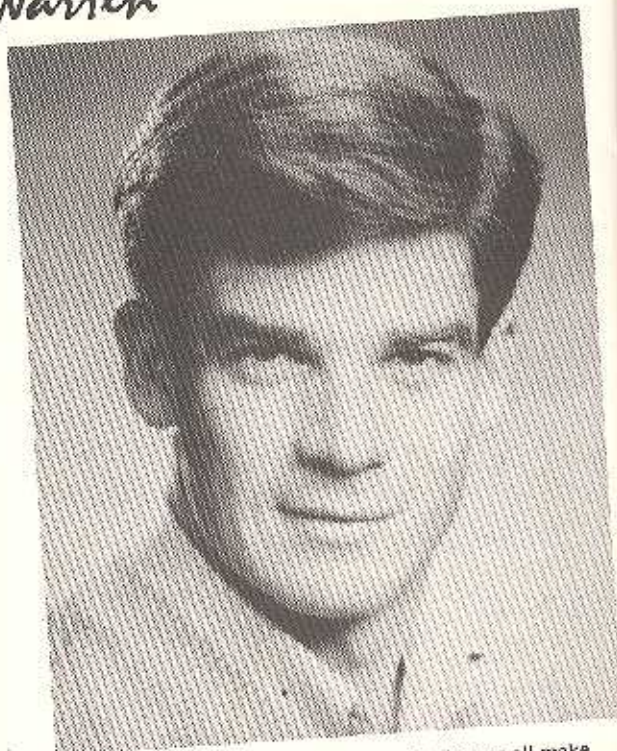
Off the field, he lives, eats, and sleeps soccer. He is a full-time publicity officer with St. George-Budapest. He writes a weekly column in the Sydney "Sun". He appears regularly on ATN 7, the Sydney TV channel, giving lectures and demonstrations for thousands of young soccer starlets. And Johnny Warren is never the one to duck out of coaching chores or personal appearances, even though the demands on his spare time are enormous.

Appointed captain of Australia in 1967, just before the highly successful tour to Vietnam and Asia, Warren has never been challenged by any other player for this important position. Indeed, it is unthinkable that Australia's national team could ever be led by any other man, while Johnny is around to do the job so well.

He has travelled to many countries and made many friends for himself and for Australia. Yet he said recently that the most enjoyable trip he ever made was early this year when he took St. George to Japan for an international tournament which Saints duly won.

Said Johnny: "The tour was absolutely wonderful. The Japanese people rolled out the red carpet for us when we arrived, and we received the red carpet treatment for the full duration of the tour. I have never known such hospitality and I honestly don't know how any other nation could possibly match what the Japanese people did for the St. George-Budapest players and officials."

Those comments reveal another side of the make-up of Johnny Warren. Unlike many players, he never takes things for granted. He is always appreciative of other people's kindness and constantly talks about how fortunate he is to have experienced so many of life's pleasures as a result of his soccer



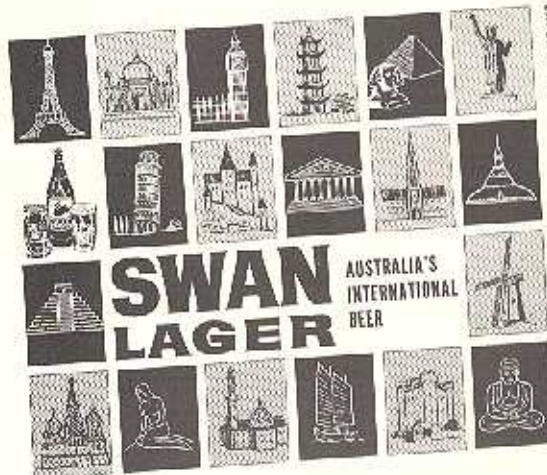
At times, Warren is a dreamer, but his dreams all make sense and there is no doubt he will work till he drops to make dreams come true.

He dreams about full-time professional soccer in this nation of ours... he dreams about the day when, in Sydney at least soccer and not rugby league will draw 70,000 spectators every weekend and become the number one football code in N.S.W. ... he dreams, too, about young Australian talent being used in large numbers by all first division teams.

These are not idle dreams. They are good things for a man to ponder over. They indicate that there are big goals to be aimed at and there is no reason why such goals should not be achieved.

Obviously it will take a long time. But if Australian soccer could boast a few more Johnny Warrens, the time would be drastically cut.

Well done, Johnny — you're a credit to your country and to the code of soccer.





# soccer needs no gimmicks

by James Barker

So far, the average Australian soccer has not yet progressed far beyond the stage of curiosity, a sport of quaint European folk-dance, staged with the help of a round ball.

Just as in the United States many attempts have been and are being made to popularise the game. Gimmicks have been tried, commercialism invited to help.

But these ideas, some way out, others reasonable and sound, have rarely attracted much commendation. The essential point about football is football. It can have its own moments of comedy, its own glamour and appeal, its own commercialism, but if it cannot stand on its own two feet as a drawing sport, no amount of decoration, or gimmickry will turn it into a magnet for the thousands.

The game of soccer at its best is the most exciting sport in the world, but there can be no denying that it can be drab and lifeless lower down the scale. Whilst nationalistic commitments in Australia can sustain teams of poor quality, mostly because of memories of better days back home, I wonder if the average supporter here has the patience to wait for the general standard of the game to improve. I doubt it. I believe this limiting factor of patience is responsible for a gradual decline in attendances across the nation at a time when our increasing success on the world scene should see crowds getting bigger.

If this nation of ours is ever to be enthralled with Soccer, it will not be until every back street and urban waste block has teams of kids playing their makeshift matches. 'Till the plastic footballs at the beaches become round instead of deformed. Environments like these produce stars. Football cannot be sold like instant coffee, it is an inner compulsion. The only way it can possibly grow is from the cradle.

Australians have told me that soccer could have a growing appeal amongst schools, because it is such a suitable game for boys of varying size and physical strength. They argue that soccer's continuous movement makes it more appealing than rugby, that it does not need the broad acres of rules. Plainly if the game that the rest of the world calls football were to be widely played in Australian schools, its development as an adult sport would be assured.

Here, at this point, we must ask one big and very important question, "Do our administrators know this?". If the answer is yes, and I believe it would be, a second question must be asked, "Why aren't we giving development of the game at school level priority treatment?". Do our administrators have the patience to plan and wait for this natural growth to take place, or do they find their time so firmly committed to the problems of today that tomorrow must go hang!

Our fate, and the fate of thousands of Australians that love this game, is to be the midwife. Not for our officials the glamour of escorting our top sides to the soccer capitals of the world; not for our players the thrill of taking out the World cup; not for the supporters the pleasure of standing on packed terraces watching St. George or Ringwood City battling Manchester United in the final of the World Cup Championship.

No, our job must of necessity be less glamorous, though it can be far more rewarding and lots of fun as well. We have to plant the seed in the schools of Australia, tend the young kids, nurture them and help them grow in skill and stature.

Our National and State Federations must put more effort into planning this pattern for growth. Just as a business concern gives one director responsibility for finance, another for sales, so our federations must make specific individuals responsible for schools and youth in general — responsible and accountable.

The game must be injected into all schools, facilities developed to train coaches and referees, Leagues established to provide the spur of inter-schools competition that is so essential to any competitive sport. District, city and state combined school teams must be fielded to enter State-wide

*Editors note: Many Australians feel inclined to write to the papers or a magazine on some item which takes their interest or raises their ire. Few of them do. Some allow their tempers to cool, others find words difficult to express on paper, while others simply "chicken out".*

*James Barker of Melbourne is one of those who has strong feelings about soccer, and definite ideas on what is required to treat the game, and had no problems transferring his thoughts to paper.*

*His comments and yours are always welcome, providing they are constructive and not destructive, for a sport can only build when people add to it. So we introduce James Barker and his plans for the future.*

and National competitions. Above all the money must be found to finance these activities, they're going to need plenty over the years, although comparatively modest sums in each state will suffice to get the ball moving.

The men to do all these jobs are available, skilled administrators exist in every state, the technical knowledge is possessed by hundreds of Physical education teachers at schools all over the nation whose main background is soccer. Already beginnings have been made, often under very adverse circumstances and with little help and assistance. What we have to do is formalise our plans and devote a growing proportion of the resources of the game to building with strength instead of muddling through. Those people who have worked largely unsung over the years gone by must be encouraged, must be brought out onto centre-stage, made aware that the spotlight is on them.

Who knows, if they, with our help do a good enough job, we might, just might before our dotage, see Australian teams competing as equals with the great soccer nations of the World. And, when the day comes there will surely be thousands there. Australian sports will never have seen or heard such vocal support. We will be able to walk home on crooked sticks, head held high mumbling to ourselves "we built this, didn't inherit it like in those European countries, no, we built it, all of it".

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In Greece, a couple of girls promised a night out for the boys if they beat Ajax.

Turkey has equally patriotic damsels.

An illicit offer came from a local belly dancer to spend three nights with the first Turkish player to score a goal against West Germany in the European championships.

However even this incentive failed to spur the Turks to success. West Germany won 3-0 in an exhibition center.

The 1971 European Cup Final between Ajax of Holland and Panathinaikos of Greece attracted a record gate receipt for the competition of more than \$400,000, \$10,000 less than the peak Wembley take at the F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool this year.

Anglo-Italian club competitor Bologna beat Huddersfield Town 3-2 in one of their games, but manager Edmundo Fabri was forced to discipline seven of his players with heavy fines when they performed high jinks in the early hours of the morning with a number of teenage girls, bringing complaints from other hotel guests.

Former England and long-time Blackpool stalwart Jimmy Armfield is now manager of Bolton Wanderers and has gone on a big, but very select buying programme according to observers of the English scene.

Newcastle United sprang a big surprise when they sacked manager Dave Smith over nothing more than an application for a wage rise, which is not due until next Christmas.

Coventry City officials have unsuccessfully tried to have Football League permission for Saturday matches being switched to a Friday night if both clubs were willing.

An investigation by Coventry seems to bear out a greater potential of attracting bigger crowds and therefore more revenue for some games.

There were two interesting ideas sent to the Football League management at the annual meeting in June. Nottingham Forest made a plea for an investigation into the possibility of Sunday soccer. Everton put forward a six-point plan against T.V. coverage of matches if a club believed that they were in danger of over exposure.

Both were rejected.

The former Manchester City forward Bobby Owen, who toured Australia with the team last year, has been playing for Carlisle this year after transferring for \$45,000 last year. He has scored 13 goals for his new team and the club recently rejected an offer for Owen services from Bury Town.

Arsenal's midfield player Jon Samuels is up for sale if any club is prepared to pay \$228,000 for his transfer.

No club has yet approached Arsenal for negotiations, though it is known Nottingham Forest, Ipswich Town and West Ham United are interested.

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# READER COMMENT

SIRS: Re your article about a players' union — several years ago John Montague, a former player, tried to start a union, but he met with poor response from players and opposition from other parties.

I have been playing soccer in the West since 1950 and agree wholeheartedly that there should be a union to protect players from clubs, namely the top clubs who promise things and never fulfil them. When the question of a transfer comes up, they put a price on you and prevent you from playing the game you love.

So add my name to the list — Yours etc., W. Peter Atkinson, Cleveland Street, Dianella.

## REFEREEING

SIRS: A serious situation is occurring within our sport and it can, and must, be overcome. The problem of which I speak is the rift between players and certain referees.

Refereeing a sport is, of course, extremely difficult and as long as the human element is involved, there will always be various interpretations. This, however, is not the problem that concerns me at present.

What is crucial is the lack of basic understanding between players and the referee.

Most referees control their games by the use of the friendly, but firm word or the occasional joke. These educated methods help to relax a tense atmosphere and thereby avoid a situation that could be more serious later in the game.

Unfortunately, among the ranks of the gentlemen in black persists a hard core whose motto remains: Spare the rod and spoil the player. I ask in all sincerity, could you gentlemen have avoided booking a player or sending him off, if you had taken action earlier? By this I mean, relaxing the atmosphere rather than increasing the tension of the game by finger wagging.

The question now is how do we overcome this problem and restore the respect that referees deserve.

I suggest that the first step must come from the clubs. Officials must be firm with their players and tell them to accept the referee's decisions.

To the referees, I would suggest a closer relationship with clubs and players. A deficiency in communications is apparent. Lectures in basic psychology by doctors or psychologists would help in the understanding of human behaviour patterns, their control and symptoms.

Lastly, I would ask everyone to help, as individuals, to eliminate this situation — Yours etc., M. Brooks, Emberton Street, Morley.

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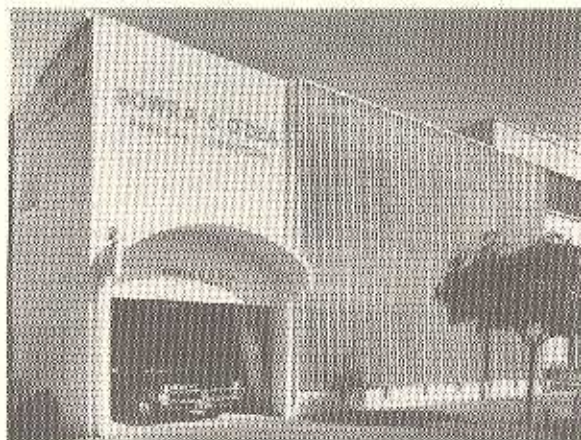
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# Is This A Record Or Not?

Anyone watching a match in which Alemannia Melville is playing will be excused if they thought they were seeing double or treble or . . .

Believe it or not, there are five brothers—all looking uncannily alike both in stature and features—playing regularly for Alemannia's first team.

Is this a record? If any club can equal or better it, SOCCER SCENE would like to hear about it.

They are the Gross brothers—Alfred, Erwin, Ludwig, Franz and Josef, aged between 15 and 22. Born in Wurtemberg, the Gross family migrated to Australia four years ago.

Living first in Melbourne, the five brothers played for Elwood Austria—on present form the club looks like winning the Victorian first-division premiership and gaining promotion to the State League.

However, the brothers did not all play in the Elwood first team. Erwin was in the Under 15s, Alfred and Josef played mainly reserves and Franz played in the first team. Ludwig also played in the first team—but only in the first minute of last season's first league match. Ludwig came off third best in a three-way tackle and broke a leg.

Out of plaster and moving around again, Ludwig went to watch his club at training. He stood on the sidelines and a stray ball shot his legs from beneath him, breaking the leg again.

When the leg came out of plaster again last October, the doctors warned him not to play again for at least 12 months. He rested in the off-season, but when his brothers began training with Alemannia in Perth, he could not resist kicking a ball around. However, he does not overdo

it and only plays in matches every couple of weeks.

He has shown that he is the schemer of the quintet and club officials say he is probably the best of the group. What the Gross (in German, the name means 'big') brothers lack in size—they are all around 5ft 4in tall—they make up for in speed and determination.

If the 5-0 and 8-0 consecutive wins this month are anything to go on, Alemannia will gain promotion out of the amateur first division and into the W.A. Soccer Federation second division

this season.

By the way, there is plenty of reserve strength in the Gross family. There are three more brothers ready to step into their brother's shoes. The three are aged between five and ten years, so one day we could see eight Gross brothers playing in the same team.

And what about the three Gross sisters? Do they want to try their hand at women's soccer? At present, they are content to stay on the sidelines and cheer on their brothers.

—PETER ARGO



The Gross brothers—Alfred, Erwin, Ludwig, Franz and Josef.

## WELSH INTERNATIONAL ARRIVES

A player who sneaked into W.A. unheralded in recent months was Reg Davies, a former Welsh international and a long-time member of Newcastle United. He was a member of the team that in the early 50's swept England by storm.

Named as a member of the 1955 Newcastle Cup-winning team, he suffered a serious bout of tonsillitis two days before the cup. However, he was awarded a cup winner's medal, specially struck for him to compensate for the disappointment of not playing.

Young local club Bayswater United beat a number of clubs to sign him on. He has played a few games and, even though 40 years old, has proved that he can impart maturity to a side whose average age was 20 years. He lacks the speed of his youth, but his ability to pass and knit the midfield has made this fast, attacking side a better balanced combination. He finds the man-for-man contact and the faster individual pace hard to combat. While there may not be



many more years left in him, what there is will benefit the youth of this State.

Until recently he was player-manager for Kings Lynn in the English Southern League a team that prospered under his guidance, but since his migration to W.A. has dropped from the league's first division.

Reg Davies' brother John (23) will soon play for Bayswater as well. He arrived from England, where he played for Reg's old Southern League team Kings Lynn, on June 23 and it should be only a matter of days before he's eligible to play in Perth.

Reg holds a high opinion of John and from information received, Bayswater could have his services for some time because John and his wife intend to settle in Perth.

Bayswater United's Reg Davies, a former Welsh international now playing in the Perth first division, looks like a Welsh baritone when this picture was taken at training.



# An Administrator's Delight

by WALLY BRUCE in Brisbane

Brisbane's most engrossing premiership race for many seasons is on again in earnest.

With the first round completed and the exciting President's Cup resulting in a long-awaited victory for Grange-Thistle, the clubs had a two-week break between rounds.

This was caused by the Qantas Cup quarter-finals played on the weekend of June 5 and 6, followed a week later by Queensland's clash against the English F.A. side.

The second round begins with seven of the ten sides still having a chance of taking out the premiership flag.

The premiership table at the half-way mark was an administrator's delight — Grange-Thistle 13, Bardon-Latrobe 12, Merton-East 12, Azzurri 10, Hollandia-Inala 10, St. Helens 9, Coalstars 9, Hellenic 5, Wynnum 5, Polonia 5. The table is in such an interesting position that three consecutive wins for tailenders Polonia and three defeats for Thistle, would see the bottom team challenging for a place in the final four.

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Former State captain and Hollandia half-back Gary Wilkins.

One of Queensland's most popular footballers is back on deck.

Former State skipper and Hollandia coach Gary Wilkins is showing form again since being sidelined with a serious heart complaint earlier this season.

As a result of the regular fortnightly checks by the federation doctor, Wilkins, who was then training with the State team for the match against the Moscow Dynamos, was advised to step down from Hollandia's opening match against Polonia back in March. Apparently, the



Not the perfect way to execute a sliding tackle, but it had the desired effect, as Thistle full-back 'Bluey' Smith slipped his clearance past Bardon's State half-back Alan Sinclair at Perry Park during the recent President's Cup final.

problem was a strained heart muscle, caused by solid training while suffering from a 'flu attack.

Naturally this required a long break from football and Wilkins, always a first choice for any State side, now has come back on the Brisbane scene, fully recovered, but too late to press for a berth against the Englishmen.

But judging by his typical powerhouse display for Hollandia in their final match of the first round, big Gary Wilkins soon will be back in his rightful place as State captain.

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Thistle's President's Cup win ended the club's five-year drought of major trophies.

It is the first trophy to grace the mantelpiece since Thistle hammered Azzurri 6-1 in 1966 to take out the then Ampol Cup competition.

Several factors have contributed to the success this year. Thistle are one of the few clubs in the competition to use largely "home-grown" players.

Full-backs 'Bluey' Smith and Barry Allison and State centre-half Barry Dann have spent their entire football careers with the club. And a few of the more recently acquired men such as strikers Ritchie Smith and Steve Pollard, half-back Col Bain and young goalkeeper Peter Roberts are all locally-grown players.

But perhaps the one who has stirred the most excitement in the Thistle camp this year is English centre-forward Jim Ancliffe. He has been able to strike a match-winning combination with Smith this year, an attribute Thistle have lacked for many seasons. In less than a season of first division football, Ancliffe has already forced his way into the Brisbane and State representative sides.

With one major trophy already under their belts, Thistle are looking confidently ahead to the remainder of the Brisbane "grand slam", the premiership, grand final and Qantas Cup.

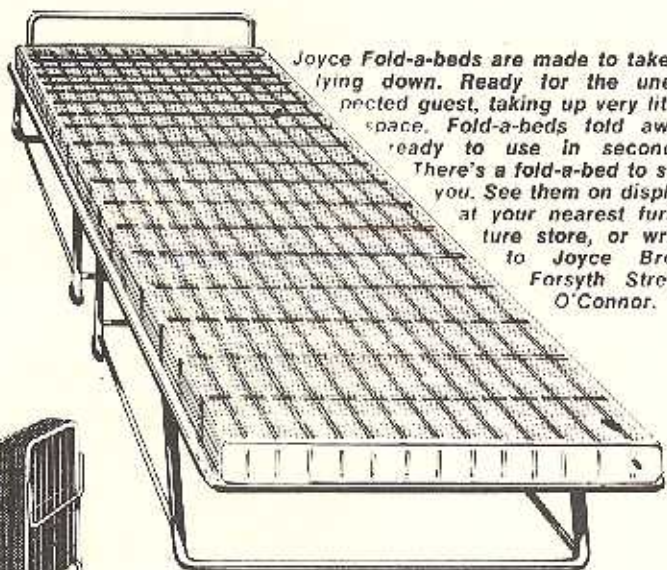
And next year, they will be playing their home matches at their renovated headquarters at Lanham Park out at the Grange.



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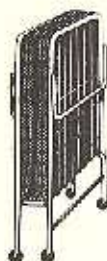
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# Rasic Impressed but not enough

By David Andrews

Under the auspices of State coaches Doug Stewart last year and John Adshead this year, W.A. has performed far beyond expectations in the past 18 months.

The drawn encounter against Moscow Dynamo, where W.A. was unfortunate to concede a goal towards the end of the match for a 3-3 result, and the 1-1 encounter with Manchester City, have been our highlights in the past 12 months.

Can W.A. produce a similar result against the F.A. eleven on June 27?

Many critics, unable to fathom our recent results, have laid the reason to the fact that we were the first stop for these tours by overseas teams. They may be right in this assumption, but at the same time there is no denying that W.A. soccer has improved by leaps and bounds.

Even national coach Zvonimir Rasic in a recent trip to Perth commented that W.A. soccer was far superior to that he had known in 1963.

In that year, Victoria, for whom Rasic played, thrashed W.A. 8-1, finishing the match in a jocular mood, content not to score any more goals, but eager to show off some high-standard team work.

"Now you have players capable of beating Victoria, certain of defeating Queensland and probably equal to South Australia. No team could come to Perth and be sure of winning, not even N.S.W.," said Rasic.

In a demonstration match played for his benefit with the hope of finding some new talent for his national squad, two teams played an entertaining 5-5 draw.

While he selected none for the national team, and few among us in W.A. expected any such selection, he said he was impressed with a number of players and that they could walk into most Sydney first division clubs.

Wingers Dave O'Callaghan and Bill Beattie came high on his list. In fact, O'Callaghan could have gained selection in Rasic's initial squad had he not been set for a trip to Indonesia and a vital part of the W.A. side.

Midfield player Brian Newell was exceptional and, though he was far from his best, striker Ray Hott gave enough indication of his talent for Rasic to declare him a dangerous forward. Two youngsters, John Davidson (18) and Archie Van Dongen (19), will have special reports kept on them over the next two or three years, which Adshead will send to Rasic, with the view to future involvement in national teams.

But no matter what ability is discovered in W.A., national team selection will continue to be a pipe-dream unless the players are prepared to move to Sydney to live and play. The distance involved will rob them of any chance of selection. How can such players gain time off from their employment for camps and matches? As the national commitment grows, so will such demands on their time increase, and so their chances will fade.

One has only to look at the national team selection this year to realise the problem.

As Rasic said when he was in Perth: "You have some good players, but I have their equal at my command in Sydney."

His words were equal, not better. This may have been political talk, but equal in this case means no chance, whereas in Sydney equal means just that.



Newell — impressed Rasic.

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## A TRIUMPH

The recent inter-varsity soccer tournament held in Melbourne was a triumph for W.A.

The success was a boost to W.A. and it brought home to Perth the first ever tournament won by this State in any grade of soccer.

The victory was a complete one as the W.A. University crashed home 29 goals while conceding only six.

That the University competition is not up to the standard of a full State competition, is only a question of relativity.

University is a club struggling about midway in our second division. Though they were strengthened with students from other clubs some in the first division it was a meritorious effort and could indicate a relative strength on a high State level.

But how are we to find out because, unlike most sports soccer does not have an interstate tournament?



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# N.N.S.W. GETS PLAYERS' UNION

by Dave Williams in Newcastle

An association of soccer players—the first such organisation in Australia—was formed recently in Newcastle.

The unique organisation is known as the Australian Soccer Players' Association and, as yet, involves only players in the area controlled by the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation.

But it is hoped that ultimately, the association will have affiliation with all Australian State Federations and the Australian Soccer Federation.

The new association's inaugural meeting, held at Wallsend, saw John Power (Weston Bours Club) elected president, Jock McBride (Northern Coaches Association) named as secretary and Colin Myers (Cardiff Club) as treasurer. These three executive officers, along with Willi Gallagher and Charlie Govan, former Newcastle Austral players, both of whom are now with Adamstown Rosebuds, are compiling the association's constitution.

Association members believe that young players will derive most benefit from the organisation, which will assist and advise all players—particularly juniors—about to sign contracts for the first time.

The association's main aims are to improve playing conditions for players and raise the standard of soccer.

Unless asked specifically, the association will not negotiate signing-on fees to match payments, since these are considered private matters between the players and clubs involved.

The formation of the players' union has come after several previous vain attempts to launch the scheme. In August, 1964, growing discontent among the many northern first division players led to two meetings aimed at forming a players' union being held. But, after much discussion on transfer fees, players' contracts and the then Northern Soccer League's registration system, the move lapsed due to the lack of a forceful leader.

*Editor's Note: A move is under way in Perth to form a similar players' union. A group of players is trying to get support for the proposal.*



A big crowd at the N.S.W. premiership match between Apia Leichhardt and Pan Hellenic, watches international winger George Blues zip past the grounded Terry Wetton.

## Tough W.A. Sentence

The life suspension placed on Azzurri of Perth veteran striker Nino Segon for hitting referee Bob Eagle during a reserve match between Azzurri and Kiev was judged by most observers to be harsh in the extreme.

When the Protest and Disputes Board of the W.A. Soccer Federation banned Segon for life from playing, holding office in any capacity in W.A. soccer, and even attending matches, appearing at grounds or club rooms, they obviously intended this case to be a warning to others.

Only his closest friends would argue that suspension for life as a player in this circumstance would have been the proper sentence.

Segon claims that he threw his hands up in disgust while having his name taken for an unknown infringement and that he struck Eagle accidentally. Only he knows whether this is true or false.

The P & D board failed to be convinced by this argument and handed out one of the harshest penalties ever known in W.A. soccer and probably Australian soccer.

The Appeals Board reduced the sentence to five years suspension as a player and lifted all life suspensions, indicating that the authorities still believe Segon struck the referee deliberately.

However, the Board took into account Segon's previous brilliant record, where his name had come up only once in 17 years for a caution. In any court of law past records, good or bad, are normally taken into account before sentence is passed.

I was somewhat surprised when his life suspension as a player was lifted because this has always been mandatory in cases of this nature. Whether this verdict creates a precedent remains to be seen.

Many years ago, in a similar case, a life suspension was lifted and the referees went on strike.

The case went as far as the FIFA. The outcome, to cut a long story short, was that the player was again placed on life suspension and the referees continued to officiate.

It therefore says a lot for Segon that the referees did not contemplate a strike this time. But they have indicated that court action will be taken against players who assault a referee in the course of his duty in future.

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# WOMEN'S LIBERATION ON THE MOVE?

by Ted Simmons

Whoever said that soccer was a man's game, did not count on the march of women during the middle and late 1900s.

The female of the species have turned their talents to many careers and sports dominated by men, and are now making some headway in that last male stronghold—football.

It has been an established fact for many years that women are more vocal and intense barrackers than men at sporting fixtures. In fact, it could prove to be an interesting scientific field for research as to why this particular trait.

But on to soccer, women's teams which are now playing in Australia, England, Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and many other countries.

A recent survey showed that women's teams are using club grounds in England, regular competition is being considered in Germany, while France has set up a committee of study. Paraguay quite bluntly states there is a government order which forbids women to practice football because it is against their natural femininity. One Asian association, which had better remain nameless, simply observed: "May God have mercy on us."

Sydney and Perth have organised women's competitions, while social games are played in other States. We have women coaches and now women referees for junior games.

Women I have spoken to believe they could adapt to soccer as well as they have to other sports. As they point out, soccer is a sport which demands skill and does not depend on brute force.



The 17-year-old star of the Rome Soccer Club, Stefania Medri, has the style to handle any situation. She and other girls like her have made professional women's soccer a big-time sport in Italy. By the way, Stefania last season scored more goals than the leading scorer in the men's first division.

## Goal-Getters Go

by Pertinax in Sydney

More goals mean bigger crowds and that's the current situation in Sydney as the tally gets higher each week.

Hakoah, for example, this season have scored an average of about three goals a match. In second division, Sutherland and Corinthians have a similar average, and the trend is evident all the way through to the amateur divisions.

The increase in goals has attracted back many of the people who became tired of dull, defensive draws, or a single goal deciding the result.

Even individual honours are high. At the time of writing, Ray Bartz, the Australian international, led with 9 goals in 10 games, followed by 4 other players with 7 goals each.

Records show that the weekly average attendance now totals over 16,000, compared with 14,000 last year, while

the match average is creeping close to the 4000 mark.

Two club games drew big attendances recently, competition leaders Hakoah and St George attracted 8500, while Apia and Pan Hellenic pulled in 7000.

The strength of the Hakoah-St George crowd can be gauged from the fact that the current touring English FA team played before 8000 people when they drew 1-1 with the League of Ireland in Dublin before leaving for Australia.

Last month, Soccer Scene published figures revealing the search is on for more goals to improve the image of British soccer. Grim defence has not yet penetrated through to the Sydney scene, although the "stop-a-goal" system operated in the recent NSW FA match, much to the disgust and boredom of the crowd.

If Australians maintain their adventurous spirit, we could see a glut of goals during the remainder of the season, with bigger, better and brighter crowds.

As far as refereeing is concerned, they believe they could handle men's games, because a referee is judged on his/her ability to control the match and give immediate and just decisions. A referee is not judged on his/her sex.

Believe it or not, the Netherlands has 100 women referees, while our closest neighbour, New Zealand, has three.

The Great Matriarchal March continues, and as one not quite prominent woman "Lib" told me: "There are international tours for women in golf, tennis, swimming, athletics, cricket and many other sports, so why not a women's World Soccer Cup?"

Well, what about it? A sort of women's mini-World Cup was already played in Italy last season so there is no reason why one day a full World Cup will be played.

## The Season

W.A.'s soccer season may not finish until well into November this year — a long grind for those in the first division competition and players in the State squad.

The reason for the extension is the Indonesian Anniversary tournament played in Djakarta this month. Clubs with three or more players in the state team were allowed to postpone local matches during the tournament.

At one stage, it seemed unlikely that W.A. would go after the state had first been rejected.

Then a compromise was worked out where a W.A. side plus Eastern States players could compete as an Australian eleven. However, even this compromise looked shaky when it was found impossible to gain players from the other States. Apia of Sydney players Keith Gibson and Jim Sambrook, on loan to Tricolore and Azzurri respectively, and Lion of Adelaide's John Lovell, also living in W.A., were included in the team.

W.A. team manager Barrie Greenwood said that the Indonesian authorities had been kept fully informed of the situation by him and nothing was done to fool the hosts and this was finally acceptable.

Originally, the local competition was extended by making the first division a 12-club tournament rather than ten as had been the case since 1960.

On top of this, there is the D'Orsogna knock out cup competition followed by a top-four tournament.

For some players it has been a three to four night training grind, followed by matches on Saturdays and sometimes Sundays since the first week in January—a monumental effort by part-timers, especially the married ones with families.

With the night competition due to start in the first week in January 1972, first division players are likely to get only four weeks rest at the end of this season before they are required to train once more. For a couple of players this has been the pattern since 1967, when W.A. first competed in Asia.





The West Australian squad and WASF officials pictured at Perth airport before boarding their Cathay Pacific flight to the Indonesian Anniversary Tournament in Diakarta.



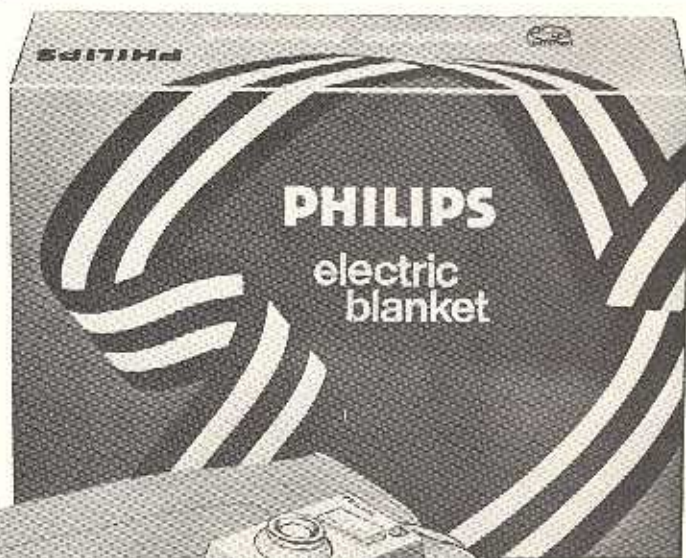
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